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EDITORIAL

If only Great-Grandmother [*fill in the blank*] had written down some information about her family? How often have we said these words in our search for our families' roots? Why is it that many of our female progenitors failed to leave **any** records of their having existed?

Of course there are all the common excuses. "Women did not usually own property." "Women just kept house and were not usually involved in business dealings." It is almost as if these people only existed to bear the children of the family. They took on their husband's names and, in most instances, lost all nominal identity to their own progenitors. This is evidenced by the number of headstones we see in cemeteries which state, "Mary Jane - wife of John Jones," or a headstone with the husbands surname with just the given names and dates of the couple listed below, "Jones - John 1805-1864, Mary Jane 1808-1876."

We can not help what has been done in the past. But, have we thought and planned about what will happen in the future? Have **YOU** made plans for what is to be done when the inevitable occurs? We are starting a crusade among family historians to encourage all of our family members, both female and male alike, to prepare at least written instructions of what we wish to appear on our headstones. A better idea is to have our headstones (exclusive of one important date) prepared ahead of time so that they convey the information **WE** want rather than what someone thinks is proper after the fact.

Most of us don't like to think of these things and, as a result, we tend to put them off. Just imagine though, decades from now, our descendants looking at our headstone. What would we like them to see? We believe that it should show them that we cared enough about our family and its history to guaranty that the information we have worked so long and hard for, is preserved and available for their exploration. Think how exciting it might be one day in the distant future when a grt-grt-granddaughter is taken to a cemetery to see where her family is placed and there on one of the headstones is the statement "FAMILY HISTORY DEPOSITED IN THE VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES." Just this one little phrase might be enough to spark a life-long interest in genealogy.

And, while we're at it, how about the rest of the headstone? Remember how thrilled you were when you found one headstone that gave not only the wife's maiden name and dates but stated who her mother and father were. These people were obviously proud of their family and wanted their descendants to know it. We are proud of our families, too, or we would not go to such lengths in our research.

So, with the start of this New Year, let us resolve that we will 1) place our research materials in a secure repository (local library or state archive), 2) make at least a written plan of what we wish to have written on our headstone — if not actually have the headstone prepared, and 3) prepare written instructions of our desires and leave them with our legal representative. If we plan for the future, then we can be assured our past is secure.

Chris Hooper, Publications Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following books may be ordered from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687.** Please include $3 postage for one book, $1 for each additional book. Sales tax: Maryland residents 5%; Michigan residents 4%.

John Bennett Boddie, *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia*, viii, 756 pp; photos; maps; every-name index; subject index; cloth (6x9); 1938, rprt. 1994. This extensive work deals with the earliest history and inhabitants of Isle of Wight County which encompasses the present day counties of Isle of Wight, Southampton and part of Greensville. The author quotes from narratives about the earliest encounters between the colonists and the Indians of the region. From there he continues on with the settlement of the region, with chapters dealing with Puritans, Pilgrims, Cavaliers, and Quakers. This is then followed by detailed biographies (genealogies) of numerous early Isle of Wight families. Almost one-third of the volume yields abstracts of the following: *Isle of Wight Book A; Will and Deed Book I, 1662-1686; Deed Book I, 1688-1704; Land Grants, 1628-1674; Land Grants, 1674-1705; and Quit Rents, 1704.* Also included is a listing of "County Officers from Isle of Wight and surrounding counties." The work is extensively footnoted with source material thoroughly documented. Having been out of print since 1980, this reprint is a welcome addition to any researcher of Southside Virginia.

Daughters of the American Revolution, *Genealogical Guide - Master Index of Genealogy in the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, Volumes 1-84, 1892-1950, with Supplement, Volumes 85-89, 1950-1955,* 169 pp; cloth (6x9); 1951, 1956, rprt. 1994. $20.00. This work has been reprinted with a new Introduction by Eric G. Grundset, Library Director of the NSDAR. In his introduction, Mr. Grundset defines the importance of this work to the genealogist. Having been in continuous publication since 1892, the *DAR Magazine* is the official publication of the NSDAR. It not only provides its members with the workings of the Society but has published many genealogical queries, record abstracts, and Bible transcriptions. The *Guide* provides a "cumulative index" of all of these publications. More than forty members of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter, of Kansas City, Missouri, compiled the entries for this work, which was originally published in 1951. Nearly 39,000 references were accumulated and indexed in the original *Guide*. Five years later, these same individuals produced the *Supplement*. Now, in this one book, the researcher can locate any genealogical entry from the first 89 volumes of the *DAR Magazine*. As this magazine may be found in virtually every

genealogical library in the US, the *Guide* is a most valuable tool to the researcher.

The following monographs are reprints of Jamestown 350th Anniversary Booklets Number 4 through 8, which were originally published in 1957. These short publications provide individual glimpses of the foundations and life of the Virginia Colony during its first 70 years, and may be of immense interest to those interested in the earliest history of Virginia. They may be purchased from **Clearfield Company, Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202. (410) 625-9004.** Please include $3 postage for one book, $1 for each additional book. Sales tax: Maryland residents 5%; Michigan residents 4%.

Samuel M. Bemiss, *The Three Charters of the Virginia Company of London, With Seven Related Documents; 1606-1621,* ix, 128 pp; paper (6x9); 1957, rprt. 1993. $15.00. As stated in the Introduction, "The text of the three charters of the Virginia Company is taken from a contemporary copy recently discovered among the Chancery Rolls of the Public Record Office in London...." These charters and their supporting documents represent the earliest forms of the parliamentary system which have since evolved into our government in the United States. They define the limits and control given the Virginia Company during the first 15 years of the colony's existence and list its stockholders in both England and Virginia.

Wesley Frank Craven, *The Virginia Company of London, 1606-1624*, 57 pp; illus.; paper (6x9); 1957, rprt. 1993. $10.00. This is not a history of the colony of Virginia *per se* but of that of the Virginia Company. In the words of the first paragraph, "Here the focus belongs to the adventurers in England whose hopes gave shape to the settlement at Jamestown, and whose determination brought the colony through many disappointments of its first years." This monograph explores the many facets of the Virginia Company; its organization and Charters (see above), its membership, voyages, settlement of the colony, and ultimately its dissolution.

Charles E. Hatch, Jr., *The First Seventeen Years — Virginia, 1607-1624*, 118 pp; illus.; map; biblio.; paper (6x9); 1957, rprt. 1993. $15.00. This booklet is roughly divided into two sections. The first deals with the founding of the colony of Virginia by the Virginia Company and touches on the many events and difficulties occuring during the period 1607-1624. The second part contains individual vignettes of over 50 early settlements and plantations, and identifies their founders and early inhabitants.

Wilcomb E. Washburn, *Virginia Under Charles I and Cromwell, 1625-1660*, 64 pp; illus.; maps; biblio.; paper (6x9); 1957, rprt. 1993. $9.50. This booklet continues Virginia history where the above leaves off. This period encompasses a growth in population from 1232 to more than 30,000, and the expansion of settlements from a narrow ribbon along the

James River to all of the Tidewater region. In 1625, the new King, Charles I, voided the Charter of the Virginia Company and brought the colony under his direct control. The period ends with the recall of William Berkeley by the Virginia Assembly. This time period is punctuated by upheavals in its form of government.

Thomas J. Wertenbaker, *Bacon's Rebellion, 1676*, 60 pp; illus.; map; biblio.; paper (6x9); 1957, rprt. 1993. $9.50. This booklet continues the story of Governor William Berkeley described above. It then examines the circumstances surrounding Bacon's Rebellion, a major event in Virginia's early history. Nathaniel Bacon, cousin of Berkeley, lead a group of settlers who were displeased over the Governor's lack of concern for their safety and economic condition. This significant incident, quite often ignored, involved some 2000 of Virginia's early settlers and may well have set the stage for rebellions in the next two centuries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. DOROTHY WILLIAMS POTTER WISHES TO ANNOUNCE the release of the Second Edition of *1820 North Carolina Census, Supplemented with Tax Lists*. (1993). 522 pp; intro.; map; cloth (8½ x 11); $49.75 plus $3.50 shipping. A census of more than usual merit, this book lists over 78,000 heads of household. All fifty-six counties for which census enumerations have been preserved are included. Additionally, *tax lists* for Wake and Franklin counties are incorporated to compensate for the lost census records of those counties. Previously published by the Genealogical Publishing Company, this new edition is a greatly expanded work. Please order from the author at **200 Sheffield Place, Nashville, TN 37215-3235.**

NANCY B. SAMUELSON WISHES TO ANNOUNCE the release of *The Dalton Gang Story — Lawmen to Outlaws*. 183 pp; photos; copies of documents; copies of newspaper stories; 8½ x 11; $25.00 plus $3.00 shipping. CT residents add 6% sales tax. This book is the result of eight years of detailed research in Pittsylvania and Bedford counties VA, and in KY, TN, MO, KS, OK and CA, and contains genealogies of several related families. Federal and local court records, the records of the U.S. Marshal's Service, family records and photographs, and numerous newspaper sources have been located and are revealed for the first time in this book. This is the real story of the Dalton Gang, not another collection of the myths and legends. Order from the author at **Shooting Star Press, PO Box 359, Eastford, CT 06242.**

ALBERT L. HARWELL, EDITOR, ANNOUNCES the publication of *The Harwell Researcher*, the official publication of the National Harwell Family Association. It is published quarterly for those researching Harwell, Harvel, Harville and variant spellings. Subscriptions are $10.00 for four issues of current year.

Back issues are $4.00 each or $15.00 per volume. Queries are published free. For information regarding the association please contact: **Albert L. Harwell, 5048 N. Bernard St., Chicago, IL 60625-4916 or call (312) 463-7693.**

Higginson Book Company is pleased to announce the re-publication of William Curry Harllee's *Kinfolks: A Genealogical & Biographical Record of Thomas & Elizabeth Harllee* (et al), which was originally published in 1934-7. A classic of Southern genealogy, this comprehensive, 3270 page work, completely indexed, has long been out of print and very difficult to obtain, even on the rare book market. *Kinfolks* includes genealogies of hundreds of Southern families. The lineages for more than 25,000 individuals are shown, along with biographical information. The list price of the 4-volume set will be $250.00 (paperback) or $275.00 (hardcover). Through March 31st, an introductory price of $195.00 (paperback) or $220.00 (hardcover) is offered. Postage for the set is $7.50. Order from **Higginson Book Company, 14-N Derby Square, Salem, MA 01970; (508) 745-7170.**

The Fairfax Genealogical Society announces their spring seminar, **"Building Bridges To The Past: Knowing What To Do When The Road Is Closed,"** Saturday, 19 March 1994 at The Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 N. Fort Myer Dr., Arlington, VA. Their speaker will be Marsha Hoffman Rising. For information please write the Society at **PO Box 2290, Merrifield, VA 22116-2290.**

Heritage Papers, PO Box 7776, Athens, GA 30604-7776, (706) 613-0030 announces release of the following:

> *Buckingham Co., VA, Church and Marriage Records, 1764-1822*, 92 pp; map; full-name index; paper. $10.00 postpaid. GA residents add 5% sales tax. Item # 183.
>
> *Prince Edward District Court, VA, 1789-1809*, 512 pp; maps; illus.; full-name index; cloth. $25.00 postpaid. GA residents add 5% sales tax. Item # 168. Includes counties of Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax and Prince Edward.

Chesterfield County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

Chesterfield County Order Book 1 - 1749-1754 (continued from Vol. XI, No. 4, pages 159-171)

[p.17] *At a Court held for the County of Chesterfield November 3.1749 present Richard Royall, Richard Eppes, Seth Ward & Edward Osborne Gent. Justices*

A deed indented from Daniel Brown of the one part to Alexander Brown of the other together with the Memorandum indorsed was acknowledged by the said Daniel and ordered to be recorded.

A Deed indented from Francis Jenkins of the one part to Joannah Berry of the other with the Memorandum indorsed was acknowledged by the said Francis and ordered to be recorded And his wife being privily examined relinquished her right in the Estate conveied.

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Godsey decd. was proved by the Oaths of John Chastain & Charles Amounet Witnesses thereto and sworn to by Mary Godsey the Administratrix and Ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of the said Mary who made Oath as aforesaid according to Law Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration run Testaments annexe in due form giving security whereupon she together with John Roberts her security entred into and acknowledged their Bond for the due performance of the said Will.

Ordered that Thomas Sary William Wooldridge and James Bryan being first sworn before a Justice of the peace of this County do appraise in Current Money the Slaves and personal Estate of Thomas Godsey decd. and return an Inventory thereof to the Court.

John Osborne & William Moseley Inspectors at Osbornes Thomas Moseley Inspector at Warwick John Knibb Inspector at the Hundred and Christopher Martin & Field Archer Inspectors at John Bollings entred into Bond with securities according to Law and then took the several Oaths appointed by the Tobacco Law to be taken by Inspectors.

Sarah a Negro belonging to John Roberts adjudged to 11 years old.
Fanny belonging to Daniel Nunnery adjudged to 11 years old.
Amy belonging to Walter Nunnery adjudged to 10 years old.
York belonging to Francis Cheatham adjudged to 12 years old.

The last Will and Testament of John Rud was proved by the Oaths of John Farguson and Moses Farguson witnesses thereto sworn to by

Thomas Rud and Joseph Rud the Executors therein named and ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form

[p.18] giving security whereupon they together with John Clay their Security entred into and acknowleged their Bond for their due performance of the said Will.

Ordd. that Peter Hudson be appointed Surveior of the Road from Amelia Road down to parish's Branch in the Room of Henry Clay.

Ordd. that William Elam be appointed Surveior of the Road from the County Line down half a Mile below Robert Ashursts in the Room of Thomas Rickman.

Ordered that Mr. Richard Royall be appointed surveyor of the Road in the Room of William Moseley.

Ordered that Joseph Rud surveior of the Road from John Akins to Skin Quarter Road do have the Hands of Creed Haskins & Tho. Rud added to those already destined to that District.

Ordered that Thomas Dance junr. be appointed surveyor of the Road from pickets old field to the Forks above John Gibbs's House.

Ordered that Matthew Branch Daniel Wiesegar Essex Worsham & John Robinson be appointed Inspectors of pork and Beef in pursuance of the Act of Assembly.

Ordered that Seth Ward and Edward Osborne Gent do view the prison now erected for the use of this County & report their Opinion of the workmanship and strength thereof to the next Court.

James Meridith Gent. took the proper Oaths to qualify him to practise as a Lawyer in this Court.

Patric Barclay agst. John Roberts. In Case. This Suit Abates by the plts. Death.

Wm Kennon & Jos. Wilkinson Churchwardens of Dale parish plts agst. Susanna Vaden Deft. The Defendant not appearing It is ordered that the Judgment Conditional obtained against her and Richard Foster who is by the Sherif returned her Security be confirmed and that the plaintifs do recover against the said defendant and Security 50 Shillings Current Money of 500 lbs. of Tobacco and Cask to the use of the said parish of Dale and it is further Ordered that she pay the Costs of this prosecution. [CaSa issued Nov 3 1749 & Returned Not in the County FiFa issued Jan 2 & 50 for 300. 15 for 150 Lb 166 Nt. CaSa Feb 12 for 5 % 186 Nt & 15%].

[p.19] - John Clay vs William Cuts. Continued.

Hector Truley vs Edward Osborne. Continued.

William Jenkins vs Jacob Ashurst. Continued at Defts. Costs.

Susanna Vaden vs. John Allen. The Defendant not being arrested on the Motion of the plts. by her Attorney a pluries Capious is awarded her returnable to next Court.

George Worsham and Jane Irby Exors. etc of Joshua Irby decd. vs Antho. Irby. Continued.

John Cannefax vs. Richard Belcher. Continued at Defts. Costs.

Thomas Neal plt. agst. John Ward Deft. on a Petition for £1.S10 by Account. This Day came the parties by their Attornies and the Matter of the said petition being argued and by the Court fully heard they are of Opinion and it is thereupon considered that the petitioner recover against the said Defendt. the said Sum of £1.S10 and his Costs by him in this behalf expended and the said Defendant in Mercy etc. [Casa May 4.1750 Ret. Exd. Costs 111 lb. N. Tobo]

John Wayles Gent. plt. vs. John Ward Deft. On a petition for £2.S5 by Account. This day came the plt. in his proper person and the said defendant also and the Matter of the said petition being argued It is considered by the Court that the plt. recover against the said Defendant the said £2.S5 and his Costs by him in this Behalf expended and the said Deft. in Mercy etc. [Costs 76 lb. Nt. Toba. Casa issued Dec 2 1749. Returned. Executed]

Thomas Yuille Esqr. & Comp. Assignees of Alexr. Mackie plts. vs. John Branch junr. Deft. In Debt. This Day came the plts. by their Attorney and the said Defendant acknowledging the Action of the Plts. for £34 Current Money It is considered by the Court that the plts. recover against the said Deft. the said Sum of £34 and their Costs by them in this Behalf expended and the said Defendant in Mercy etc But this Judgment except as to the costs is to be discharged by the payment of £16.S17.d9½ Current Money with Interest thereupon

[p.20] to be computed after the Rate of 5p.Cent p.Anu. the 1st day of March 1746/7 until the time of payment. [Costs 156 lb. Nt. Tobo. & 5% 150 lb. Tobo. CaSa issued Nov 4.1749 returned]

Francis Eppes vs William & John Worsham Exors. of Wm. Worsham decd. Continued.

Francis Eppes vs William Worsham. Continued.

Anne Bevill plt. agst. John Bevill Deft. In Case. The Defendant being arrested and not appearing It is ordered that Judgment be entred for the plt. against him the said Deft. and Robert Kennon who is returned his security for what

Damages it shall appear the plaintif hath sustained by the Occasion in the Declaration mentioned to be ascertained by a Jury unless the said Defendant shall appear at the next Court and plead.

David Bell plt. agst. John Ward. Deft. In Debt This Day came the parties in their proper persons and the said Defendant acknowledging the Action of the plt. Therefore (with the plaintifs assent) It is Considered that he recover against the said Defendant £25.S18.d2 Current Money and his Costs in this Behalf expended and the said Deft. in Mercy etc.

> But his Judgment the Costs excepted is to be discharged by the payment of £12.S19.d1 Current Money together with Interest for the same to be computed after the Rate of 5 p.Ct. p.Ann. from the 1st day of September 1748 til the time of payment.
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> [Costs 134 lb. Nt. Tobo. CaSa. Feb.15.]

Wm. Kennon jr. plt. vs Wm Riggins & Robt [Cole] Defts. in Debt Continued

Wm Jordan vs Jos. Walker. Continued

Solomon Savell plt. agst. Simpleton Spendall Deft. In Ejectment for one Messuage one Tenement and 525 Acres of Land with the Appurts. in the parish of Dale in this County aforesaid of the Demise of Jane Irby.

[p.21] This day came the plt. by his Attorney and it appearing by the Affidavit of Grief Randolph that Anthony Irby Tenant in possession of the premises hath been duly served with a Copy of the plts. Declaration and the Note thereunder written and the said Anthony Irby not appearing Ordered that unless he (having legal Notice of this Order) or those under whom he claims or some or one of them do appear at the next Court to be held for this County and make himself herself or themselves Deft. or Defendts. in this Suit in the Room of the said Simpleton Spendall plead the General Issue and unless the Lease Entry and Ouster in the Declaration supposes and enter into the Common Rule to insist on the Title only at Trial Judgmt. shall be given for the plt. and the Kings Writ of Habere Farias possessionem awarded him.

William Neal vs Joseph Jackson. Continued.

Edward Booker vs Gower Dennis. Continued at Defts. Costs.

Geo. Worsham & Jane Irby Exors etc of Joshua Irby decd. vs Antho.

Irby. Continued at Defendants Costs.

Grief Randolph Gent. plt. vs. Jacob Lester Deft. In Trespass Assault and Battery. Ordered that this Suit be dismissed and that the Deft. pay unto the plt. his Costs. [Costs. 118 lb. Nt. Tobo. & 15 for 150]

Josiah Hatcher vs Thomas Friend. Contd.

William Baugh plt. agst. Josiah Hatcher Deft. In Debt. The Deft not appearing on the Motion of the plt. by his Attorney Ordered that an Attachment issue against the Defts. Estate for £50 and Costs returnable to next Court.

Thomas Yuille & Co. vs William Akin Senr. The Deft. being arrested and not appearing It is ordered that Judgment be entred for the plts. against the said Defendant and John Archer Gent. Sherif of this County for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned and Costs unless the said Deft. shall appear at the next Court plead.

Thomas Yuille & Co. vs Evan Owen. The Deft being arrested and not appearing It is Ordered that Judgment be entred for the plts. against the said Deft. and George

[p.22] Cogbill Security for his Appearance for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned and Costs unless the said Deft. shall appear at the next Court and plead.

William Booker plt. agst. Even Owen Deft. In Case. The Deft. being arrested and not appearing It is ordered that Judgment be entred against the said Deft. and William Graves Security for his Appearance for what Damages it shall appear the plt. hath sustained by the Occasion in the Declaration to be ascertained by a Jury unless the said Deft. shall appear at next Court and plead.

William Gay plt. vs. Francis Redford Deft. In Debt. The Defendant being arrested and not appearing It is ordered that Judgment be entred against the said Deft. and Thomas Jones Security for his Appearance for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned and Costs unless the said Deft. shall appear at next Court & plead.

David Bell plt. vs John Allen Deft. Ordered that this Suit be dismissed it being agreed by the parties. [Costs 110 lb.Nt. tobo.]

Richard Bland Gent. plt. vs. Geo. Cogbill Deft. In Case. The Deft. being arrested and not appearing It is orderd that Judgmt. be entred against the said Deft. and Geo. Cassons his Security for his appearance for what Damages it shall appear the plt. hath sustained by the Occasion in the Declaration mentioned to be ascertained by a Jury unless the said Deft. shall appear at next Court and plead.

Alexr. Mackie vs Thos. Akin. In Debt. The Deft. being arrested and not appearing It is ordered that Judgment be entred against him and John Pucket Security for his appearance for the Debt in the Declaration mentioned & Costs unless the said Deft. shall appear at next Court and plead.

[p.23] Gilbert Elam plt. vs. Wm. Robinson jr. Deft. In Case for Slander. Sperial Imparlance.

Jonathan Shackleton plt. agst. William Patterson Deft. In Trespass Assault & Battery. Ordered that this Suit be dismissed and that the Defendant pay unto the plt. his Costs.

Gerrard Ellyson vs. Daniel Wiesegar. Cont. at Defts. Costs.

Aug. Claiborne Gent. vs. Henry Reveland. Continued.

Geo. Renyer Turner plt. agst. William Jenkins Deft. The Deft. not being arrested on the Motion of the plt. by his Attorney an Alias Capias is awarded him against the said Deft. returnable to next Court.

Joshua Poythress plt. vs. John Fenning. Case. Continued.

Neal McLean plt. vs. James Crosbie & David Bell Defts. In Case. Time to answer.

Thomas Caldwell vs. John Vest. Dismissed for want of prosecution.

Joseph Hopkins vs. Wiliam Gay. Dismissed for want of prosecution.

Richard Bland Gent. vs John Ward. Cont.

Richard Bland Gent. vs Isham Randolph Exor. &c of James Thompson on a petition for £2.S5. By Consent of the parties It is considered that the plt. recover against the Deft. the said Sum and his Costs in this behalf expended of the Goods and Chattels of the said Testator to be levied when Assets shall come to the Hands of the said Deft. to be administred.

[p.24] Richard Bland Gent. vs John Hatchet jr. Continued.

Richard Bland Gent. vs Daniel Wiesegar Continued.

Thomas Lester plt. agst. Charles Holt Deft. Case. The Defendant not appearing on the Motion of the plt. by his Attorney Ordered that an Attachment issue against the Defts Estate for £50 Sterling & Costs returnable to next Court.

Henry Eans vs John Gibbs & Thomas Coaker. Continued at Defendants Costs.

Richard Kennon Gent. plt. agst. John Ward Deft. In Case. The Defendant not being arrested on the Motion of the plt. by his Attorney an Alias Capias is awarded returnable to next Court.

William Worsham plt. agst. John Worsham Deft. in Chancery. The Defendant not appearing ordered that Attachment isssue against him returnable to next Court.

John Fowler vs John Dunnifant. On a Petition. The Deft. not appearing on the Motion of the Deft. It is ordered that his petition be dismissed.

John Wayles Gent. plt. agst. John Leprade Deft. On a petition. On the Motion of the plt. Ordered that this Suit be dismissed.

John Wayles Gent. plt. agst. Even Owen Deft. On a Petition.

Ordered that this Suit be continued at the Defts. Costs.

Geo. Hancock vs. Peter Akin. Debt. On the Motion of the plt. It is Ordered that this Suit be dismissed.

[p.25] The Churchwardens of Dale parish plts. agst. Mary Belsher Deft. In Debt. The Deft. not being arrested an Alias Capias is awarded the plts. against the said Deft. returnable here.

The Churchwardens of Dale parish plts. agst. Jane Burgess Deft. In Debt. The Deft. not being arrested an Alias Capias is awarded the plts. against the said Deft. returnable here.

Evan Owen plt. vs. Thomas Jones Deft. In Case. Sperial Imparlance.

Mark Fowler plt. vs. Edward Osborne Deft. In Debt. Imparlance & Oyer.

Ordered That the petition of Thomas Dance concerning a Cartway thro the Land of Humphrey Traylor be dismissed the matter being agreed by the parties.

Bolling

[p.26] *At a Court held for laying and Assessing the Levy for the County of Chesterfield November 25.1749*

Chesterfield County		Dr. Lb. Tobo. Nett.
To the Clk. for public Services		1248
To the Sherif for Do.		1248
To the Deputy Kings Attorney		1248
		Gross
To the Clerk for attending Keiths Examination		200 lbs.
To the Sherif for Do.		200
To the Sherif for sumoning a Guard on Do.	40.	
prison Fees 7 days	40.	
Commitment & Releasmt.	20.	
Removing him to public Goal	300	400
To John Ratlif - Guards on Keith		120
To John Bevill - "		150
To William Rowlet - "		60
To Christo. Martin - "		60
To Godfrey Ragsdale - "		30
To Baxter Ragsdale - "		30
To John Hatchet jr. for cleaning the Courthouse Room		50
		1300
14 p.Ct. off		182
		1118

To William Blaikly - Constables each 150	600
To William Moore - "	
To Jos. Rowlet - "	
to Blaik Ward - "	
To Peter Worsham for 3 Sign posts	150
To Jos. Farley for 1 Do.	50
To Thomas Oliver for his Ferry as p. Agreemt. of Henrico Court.	695
To Thos. Branch for Do.	695
to Henry Cary for Do.	442
to the Sherif for Collecting 21084 Lb. Nt. Tobo. at 6 p.Ct.	1265
	8759

Contra	Cr.
By 1786 Tithables at 10 Lb. Tobo. p.head.	17860
By Deficiency of Crows & Squirrels Heads	3224
	21084

Ordered that the Sherif do collect & receive of every Tithable person in this County 10 lbs. of Tobacco Nett per head as a County Levy and moreover that he collect the Deficiency abovementioned on such persons who shall appear on the List of Tithables to be in arrear in Crows & Squirrels Heads And that out of the said Tobacco he pay the several Tobacco Debts in the above Account & afterwards sell the Remaining Tobacco at public Auction as the Law directs for ready Money out of wch. he shall pay the following Money Debts and the Ballance left in his Hands he shall keep as a Depositum for such uses as this Court shall thereafter think fit to appropriate the same.

Chesterfield County Dr.

To Wm Parks	£ 4.11.0
To Henry Turpin	1.13.0
To Edwd. Hatcher	0.10.0
To John Roberts	28. 0.0

Bolling

Chesterfield County first year concluded

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Will of Richard Scott - 1753
Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written. It was presented in January Court 1767 but was not recorded.

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Scott of the County of Princess Anne being of Sound Mind and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is being first recommending my Soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it me to committ my Body to the Earth in hope of the resurrection of the same at the Last Day and touching My Worldly Estate I give it in the following Manner...

Imp. I Give and bequeath unto my Kinsman David Cawson (Son of Christopher Cawson and Margaret his Wife) all the Land or Tenement whereon I now live, together with all my Land at the North Landing with all other Lands whatsoever in my Possession to him and his Heirs for ever.....

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Kinsman John Cawson (son of Jonas Cawson and Mary his Wife) All the Remainder of my Estate [*four or five illegible words*] within doors and without of what kind soever it be after that my Lawful Debts and funeral Charges are fully satisfied & Paid, to him and his Heirs forever. and my Will and Desire is that if my Kinsman David Cawson die before he arrives to the Age of Twenty One Years that then all my Estate as above Given to the said David in such Case be given to my Kinsman John Cawson afores. and if he the said John Cawson is within his Minority that then All my Estate as Given above unto the said John Cawson be Given unto the aforementioned David Cawson to them their Heirs or Surviving of them

Item My Will and Desire is that Christopher Cawson & Jonas take on them to be Executors to see this my Last Will and Test fully and faithfully Executed in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

& Seal this Twenty first Day of May 1753 One thousand Seven hundred & fifty three

Signed Seald & Delivred
in presence of

Thomas Grainger
Tully Williamson
her mark
Dinah Grainger
Ob

Richard Scott

Richard Scott

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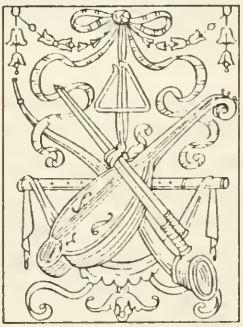

Benjamin Potter King Family Bible and Inscriptions

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Dorothy G. Pilout, Sutherland, Virginia, January 8, 1937.

Location: The home of Mr. W. Potter Sterne, Dinwiddie Court House, Virginia.

Date: 1823, date of the marriage of Benjamin Potter King and Sally Wilkinson.

Owners: Mr. W. Potter Sterne (*1937*).

Historical Significance:

The following was copied from an old family Bible now belonging to Mr. W. Potter Sterne, of Dinwiddie, Virginia; and was given to him by his mother Mrs. Virginia Arabella Ettenborough (Mrs. W. M. Sterne). Mrs Virginia Arabella Sterne is the grand daughter of Benjamin Potter King and Sally Wilkinson King first mentioned in the Family Record.

This is a large leather bound book containing the Old and New Testaments together with the Apocrypha, Translated out of the original tongues, and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by the Special Command of His Majesty King James of England with Marginal Notes and References to Which are Added An Indes — An Alphabetical Table of Scripture Weights, Measures and Coins — Embellished with Twenty Five Maps and Historical Engravings — Philadelphia — H. C. Carey and I. Lea, Chestnut St., 1822.

The front leaf is torn out of this Bible, but it evidently was the Family Bible of Benjamin Potter King and Sally Wilkinson King. (The name Wilkinson is spelt Wilkison is [*sic*] most every place in the family record.) They were the grand parents of Mrs. V. Arabella Sterne on her maternal side her mother was Eliza Jane King, and married William Ettenborough.

-Family Record-

-Marriage-

Benjamin Potter King and Sally Wilkinson was married October 2nd, 1823
William Ettenborough and Eliz Jane King were married July 20th 1856.

-Births-

Beninue Wilkison was born February 28th, 1760
Sally Wilkison was born September the 17th 1768
Daniel C. Wilkison was born October 9th, 1786
Samuel Wilkison was born August the 11th, 1790
Eliz Wilkison was born March the 3rd, 1793
Charity Wilkison was born April 17th 1795
David Wilkison was born December 23rd, 1799
Sally Wilkison was born December 20th, 1802
Owen Wilkison was born September 4th, 1805
Benjamin Potter King was born August the 10th, 1801
Sally Wilkison was born on December the 20th, 1802
Eliza Jane King was born January 25th, 1829 (?)
William Ettenborough was born in Towcester Northamtonshire, England October 5th, 1824
Virginia Arabella Ettenborough was born May 17th ------
Edna Frances Ettenborough was born in Dinwiddie Co., Virginia, Dec. 17, ----
John T. King was born March the 26th, 1774
Christianna Wolfe was born May the 8th, 1769

Data from Benjamin Potter King family Bible Complete

(The births of W. Potter Sterne and Fenton E. Sterne sons of Mrs. Arabella Ettenborough Sterne are recorded here but are too late to be used.)

-Deaths-

Eliza Wilkison departed this life January the 14th, 1816
Sally Wilkison wife to Beninue Wilkison departed this life March the 20th, 1816
Beninue Wilkison Departed this life October the 8th, 1838
Owen Wilkison Departed this life September 13th, 1846 (or 1840)
Charity Drake Departed this life December, 1868
Peter D. Drake Departed this life January 5th, 1872
Samuel Wilkison Departed this life March 15th, 1883, on Thursday 1:30 A.M.

Christianna King wife of John P. King Departed this life January the 20th, 1837
John P. King Departed this life September 25th, 1843
George W. King Departed this life May the 6th, 1857
Phebe Ann King wife of Reuben King- Departed this life May 16th, 1860
Reuben King Departed this life 1863
Sally King wife Benjm. P. King Departed this life February the 6th, 1871
Benjm. P. King Departed this life June 29th, 1875
William Ettenborough Departed this life July 15th, 1890, it was Tuesday at 12 o'clock, take sick the 5th
Eliza J. Ettenborough died suddenly November 29th, 1891

Bibliography:

This Bible can be located at the home of Mr. W. Potter Sterne, at Dinwiddie Court House, Virginia. Mr. Sterne is Commonwealth Attorney for Dinwiddie County. This family has always played an important part in the county for many years.

Mrs. Arabella Ettenborough Sterne (Mrs. W. M.), descendant of Benjm. Potter King, Dinwiddie, Virginia

Mrs. F. E. Sterne, married a descendant of Benjm. Potter King, Dinwiddie, Virginia

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Selections from Halifax County Deed Books 55 - 58 (1853 - 1859)

Submitted by J. C. Kolbe

Continued from Vol. XI No. 4, pp. 176-181.

Editor's Note: These powers of attorney recorded in the Halifax County Deed Books were selected and abstracted by Mr. Kolbe to identify persons who migrated from Halifax County; to give their place of residence and their continued ties with the county of Halifax. They are presented with the deed book number first and then the page number in that book.

DB 55, p. 1 Richard Chapman of the city of Chillicothe in Ross County, Ohio, by deed dated 3 October 1850, empowered Thomas Leigh of Halifax County, Virginia, to sell land belonging to him in Halifax County. It being land sold by John Henry and his wife Martha, to Richard Chapman dated 20 May 1819. Thomas Leigh sold all but 7 acres to Edmond Ferrell.

dated: 3 October 1850 recorded: 28 January 1853

DB 55, p. 98 Graves County, Kentucky

W. G. Franklin, Emily G. Franklin, J. F. Martin and Elizabeth his wife formerly Elizabeth Franklin, all adults and children of Peter and Elizabeth Franklin. Elizabeth Franklin being decd., to Peter Franklin, our father, power of attorney to receive from James F. Brooks, executor or administrator of the estate of Lucy Gresham who died in Halifax County, Virginia, all property which is due us from the will of Lucy Gresham. Also to receive what is due us from the estate of our grandfather, Ralph W. Gresham decd. of Halifax County, Virginia.

dated: 10 September 1852 recorded: 11 May 1853

DB 55, p. 209 Dabney Crank of Calloway County, Missouri, to Tillo[ ] Vaughn of the county and state aforesaid, power of attorney to receive my distributive share of the estate of my decd. father, William Crank of Halifax County.

dated: 6 October 1855 recorded: 27 January 1856

DB 55, p. 246 Milo G. Davenport of Sacremento County, California, to Beverly R. Fleming of the Court of Halifax County, Virginia, power of attorney to receive what is due from the estate of my father, Stephen Davenport decd. and my mother Lucy Davenport decd.

dated: 2 September 1853 recorded: 5 November 1853

DB 55, p. 314 Henry M. Hudson and his wife Harriet E. (late Harriet E. Crank), John W. Hudson and Sarah Jane Hudson (late Sarah J. Crank), Samuel H. Crank of Calloway County, Missouri, to Jenny Clardy of Halifax County, Virginia, power

of attorney to receive from Pleasant Farmer, executor of William Crank decd. of Halifax County, what is due us.

dated: 31 January 1856 recorded: 23 June 1856

DB 55, p. 364 Nancy W. Chapman of Russell County, Kentucky, to Reuben G. Payne of Halifax County, power of attorney to recover from the estate of my father, Edmund Irby decd., late of Halifax County, that which is due me.

dated: 27 November 1855 recorded: 6 August 1856

DB 56, p. 443 Willy P. Crowders, T. D. Pearson and his wife Eliza A., of Cass County, Missouri, to James P. Shaw of Marion County, Kentucky, power of attorney to sell our interest in a tract of land in Halifax County, Virginia, belonging to the estate of John Wiley decd., which has descended to us Wiley G. Crowders and Eliza A. Pearson, formerly Crowders, children of Elizabeth who was the daughter and heir of John Wiley and to sell land in Marion County, Kentucky, belonging to the estate of George Crowders decd. which has descended to us as children of George Crowders decd.

dated: 21 July 1853 recorded: [*date not given*]

DB 57, p. 90 Mark F. Franklin of Halifax County, Virginia, to David J. Franklin of Madison County, Tennessee, my brother, power of attorney to sell to Beverly Stegall a tract of land in Madison County, Tennessee.

dated: 26 May 1857 recorded: 26 May 1857

DB 57, p 90 Coweta County, Georgia

John T. Bigby of the county and state aforesaid, trustee for Elizabeth Carlton of the same place, to Enos Hughes of Halifax County, Virginia, power of attorney to collect from William W. Breedlove trustee for said Elizabeth Carlton, the dustributive share now in the hands of William W. Breedlove in trust for Elizabeth Carlton and to collect legacies to which Elizabeth Carlton is entitled from the estates of John Owen and William Owen, in the hands of William W. Breedlove.

dated: 13 May 1857 recorded: 30 May 1857

DB 57, p. 95 Maury County, Tennessee

Martha Dodson to David Packett of Halifax County, Virginia, power of attorney to collect from Leigh and others what is due me.

dated: 21 November 1856 recorded: June 1857

DB 57, p. 105 Columbia County, Arkansas

Elisha T. McClure as administrator of the estate of Samuel C. Crank decd., to Major Hart of Halifax County, Virginia, power of attorney to receive monies coming to me as administrator of Samuel C. Crank decd. from Pleasant Farmer as executor of William Crank late of Halifax County, Virginia.

dated: 28 April 1857 recorded: 22 June 1857

DB 57, p. 242 Davies County, Kentucky

Henry Farmer and Louisa Jane his wife, formerly Louisa Jane Farmer, to William Breedlove, power of attorney to receive what moneys coming to us from the estate of Thomas Osborne decd.

dated: 16 September 1857 recorded: 30 September 1857

DB 57, p. 362 Henderson County, Kentucky

Thomas L. Bacon to Charles A. Bacon of Trigg County, Kentucky, power of attorney to receive, collect, sell all rights in the estate of my grandfather, Matthew J. Rowlett who died in Halifax County, Virginia, in the spring of 1857.

dated: 17 December 1857 recorded: 31 December 1857

DB 57, p. 363 Charles P. Bacon of Trigg County, Kentucky to Charles A. Bacon of the county and state aforesaid, power of attorney to collect interest in the estate of my grandfather, Matthew J. Rowlett, who died in Halifax County, Virginia in the spring of 1857.

dated: 16 December 1857 recorded: 31 December 1857

DB 57, p. 555 David Cruse, A. H. Cruse, Nathaniel Fussell and Martha his wife, Henry County, Tennessee, to Henry C. Canada, power of attorney to receive from the executor of John Cruse and Rebecka his wife decd. late of Halifax what is due us.

dated: 5 February 1858 recorded: 13 May 1858

DB 58, p. 81 Dabney H. Crank of Carrol County, Missouri, to Jeremiah Clardy of Halifax County, Virginia, power of attorney.

dated: 30 October 1858 recorded: 12 November 1858

DB 58, p. 144 Vincent Carlton of Weakley County, Tennessee, to Thomas B. Waggener of the county and state aforesaid, power of attorney. Vincent is the son of Christopher Carlton decd. of King and Queen County, Virginia, who by his will devised certain slave property to his daughter, Polly, now Polly Coats who died in Halifax County in 1858. By his will the property was to revert to the heirs at law of Christopher Carlton.

dated: 4 December 1858 recorded: 14 June 1858

DB 58, p. 190 Hyram H. Crank and William T. Crank of the town of Eddyville, Wapello County, Iowa, to Jeremiah Clardy of Halifax County, power of attorney for collection in favor of Hyram H. Crank and William Crank against Charles A. Ballow and William T. Ballow upon decree of the Circuit Court of Halifax, made in the October term 1858, in the case of *Hudson and others* against *Ballow*.

dated: [*no date given*] recorded: 11 February 1859

DB 58, p. 218 Balda D. Bouden of Henry County, Tennessee, to William S. Holt, power of attorney to demand and receive from all persons indebted to William Martin of Henry County, state aforesaid, or any money, property due or coming to him from the estate of Elisha Abbott of Halifax County, Virginia in my name and William Martins.

dated: 7 March 1859 recorded: 7 March 1859

DB 58, p. 220 Charles Allen, David Crocken and his wife Nancy, late Nancy Allen of Jefferson County, Illinois, children and heirs of Richard Allen decd. who was son and heir of the late Capt. Richard Allen decd. of Cumberland County, Virginia, to Alfred Smith of _?_ County, Kentucky, and Elisha Barksdale of Halifax County, Virginia, the power of attorney to recover our portion of the estate of Richard Allen decd.

dated: 13 July 1858 recorded: 10 March 1859

DB 58, p. 225 Chambers County, Alabama

Maria A. Davis Extrix of the estate of Christopher H. Davis, to Robert B. Davis power of attorney to receive from William W. Breedlove, late sherrif of Halifax County, Virginia, a sum of money coming from the former concern of McDearman and Davis belonging to Christopher H. Davis decd.

dated: 12 February 1859 recorded: 28 March 1859

DB 58 Power of attorney, mention of Roland J. Hart and wife, Harriet, formerly Harriet Coats, daughter of Joshua Coats decd., and James Hart survivor of his late wife Mary Hart, formerly Coates, daughter of Joshua Coats, all of Shelley County, Tennessee.

dated: 29 November 1858 recorded: 30 August 1859

DB 58, p. 453 David Ford and Powel Ford of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, have sold to John C. Terrell of Person County, North Carolina, our right of property as legatees under the will of William Warren decd. late of Person County, to John C. Terrell power of attorney.

dated: 4 January 1859 recorded: 28 November 1859

DB 58, p. 454 Lauderdale County, Tennessee, Jahashaba Aikens, Noah Salesbury and wife Lucy, Rebecca Ford of Tennessee, have sold to John C. Terrell of Person County, North Carolina, our right to property as legatees of the will of William Warren decd. of Person County, to John C. Terrell power of attorney to receive from John Rogers, executor of William Warren decd. a legacy due us under the will of William Ford, we being children of Robert Ford and grandchildren of Nathaniel Warren decd. who was a brother of William Warren decd. To receive moneys due us from the sale of land of William Warren decd. situated in Halifax County, Virginia. This interest and property to the use of John C. Ferrell.

dated: 15 May 1859 recorded: 28 November 1859

DB 58, p. 484 John F. Sinclair trustee for Mrs. Clarissa Echols of Dyer County, Tennessee, to James Young, power of attorney of Halifax County, Virginia to receive from Elisha Barksdale, Jonathan B. Stovall, sums of money.

dated: Aug 1856 recorded: 28 December 1859

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Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County Pensioned 1832

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Researched performed by Alice Peak Hopkins, Rocky Mount, Virginia, November 9, 1936

Subject: Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County.

Location: Franklin County, Virginia.

Date: Published in 1835.

Historical Significance:

Names	When placed on Roll	Ages
William Adcock	Nov. 20, 1818	91
George Asbury	June 14, 1824	78
Michael DeValt	Dec. 3, 1819	77
William Drake	April 3, 182[*illeg.*]	78
Joseph Green	June 14, 1824	78
Thomas Hale	Feb. 1, 1819	77
Leonard Hutts	Sept. 25, 1823	73
Abednego Hodges	March 31, 1828	76
William Kemplin	Nov. 20, 1818	81
Richard Pugh	Sept. 11, 1824	75
William Smith 2d.	July 9, 1824	75

Sources of Information:

Informant: Report of the Secretary of War Pension Roll. Vol. 2 Page 514.

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Bible of Dr. George Mason

Submitted by Lockert B. Mason, M.D.

Submitter Notes: These records from the Bible which belonged to Dr. George Mason was transcribed in September 1993 by Lockert B. Mason for the record because the ink was fading. The handwriting before 1890 is the same and the notes were probably written at the same time. The notes from 1890 to the last in 1896 are in a different handwriting and may have been recorded at one time. The Bible, which was published in Hartford by R. White & Co. 1835, is in the possession of Lockert B. Mason.

Dr. George Mason was born at Homestead in Greensville County, the son of Edmunds and Frances Mason. He bought Homestead from his father and died there. His grave there is unmarked. He was a brother of John Y. Mason.

MARRIAGES

George Mason and Lucy Binns Jones were married on the second of March 1836 by the Rev. John Granmer.

George Mason (son of George & Lucy Mason) was married to M. C. Thibault on the 13th of Dec. 1866.

Emily E. Mason and William H. Cole were married on the 7th of Dec. 1868.

Edmunds Mason and Josephine Thibault were married on the 17th of Dec. 1868.

BIRTHS

George Mason, Homestead, was born April 13th 1809 at his home in Greensville Cty.

Lucy Binns Jones was born March 26th 1817 at Col Saml Goodes in Mecklenburg Cty. Va.

Edmunds Mason, son of the above named was born Dec. 19th 1836 at Sandy Grove Greensville Cty.

Thomas W. Mason son of George & L. B. Mason, was born 22nd Nov 1838 at Sandy Grove

George Mason, son of Lucy B. & George Mason was born Septr 17th 1840 at West View in Brunswick.

Mary Goode Mason (daughter of Lucy & George Mason) was born the 7th of January 1844 West View Brunswick Cty.

Frances Young Mason (daughter of L & G Mason) was born 13 of January 1846 at West View Br. Cty.

John Kercheval Mason (son of G. & L. Mason was born 3th of December 1847 at West View Br. Cty.

Emily Elizabeth Mason daughter of G & L Mason was born Feb. 25 1850

Robert Harrison Mason son of G & L Mason was born July 16th 1852 at Homestead

James Mason Son of Geo & Lucy was born Jany 20th 1855

Samuel Goode Mason (son of George & Lucy Mason) was born Nov. 3rd 1857 at Homestead Greensville Cty.

Nathaniel Young Mason son of L & George Mason was born 15th June 1860 at Homestead Greensville Cty

Births in family of Edmunds & Josephine Mason

George Mason, son of the above was born at Sandy Grove, Greensville Co. Va August 30th 1869

Cecile Thibault Mason, daughter, was born at "Sandy Grove" Greensville Co. Va Sept 19th 1871

Lucy Binns Mason, daughter was born at "Sandy Grove" Greensville Co. Va March 13th 1873

DEATHS

Thomas W. Mason (second son of George & Lucy Mason) died in Pensacola Fla. on the 2nd day of Sept 1860.

Fanny Y. Mason (second daughter of Geo. & Lucy Mason) died on the 19th of Aug 1871.

Robert H. Mason son of G & L. B. Mason died of consumption the 22 of Septr (15 min to 9 oclock PM) 1874. his last words to his sorrowing Father were "I am gone"

George Mason, Son of G. & L. B. Mason died of con_____ of the lungs about 7 oclock 30 Septr 1881 at Garratts Depot Sussex Cty.

Lucy B. Mason mother of the above children died Septr 3th 1882 at 2 oclock PM loved and lamented by her heart stricken husband. She was born in Mecklenburg Cty at her Grand Father Col. Samuel Goode.

Samuel G. Mason was killed by a pine tree he assisted in cutting to make slabs on Feby 18th 1884 (Monday morning of tetanus 9 & 10 oclock)

Edmunds Mason (first son of Geo & L. B. Mason) died Sunday Nov 27th 1892 at Emporia Va.

Maria Josephine wife of Edmunds Mason died at Jarratts Va. Oct 12th 1875

Martha Cecile Mason wife of George Mason died at "Homestead" Va December 11th 1889.

Cecile Thibault Mason daughter of Edmunds & Josephine died at Homestead July 23rd 1894 at Homestead

Lucy Binns Mason daughter of Edmunds & Josephine died at Homestead Feby 25th 1895

George Mason son of Edmunds & Frances Mason died Mch. 17th 1895 at Homestead in the 86th year of his age

Dr. George Mason Jr. son of Edmunds & Josephine Mason died Oct 16th at Mt Jackson Va on his way to his home in Greensville Co. Va. He was 27 years of age Aug 30th 1896. A noble heart ceased to beat.

Thos. W. Jones M.D. Family record

Samuel G. Jones was born 20th Septr 1815

Lucy Binns Jones was born 26 March 1817

John R. Jones was born 21st Augt 1818

Thomas Williamson Jones was born 25 March 1820

Mary Armistead Jones was born 25 February 1822

Elvina Burwell Jones born 31 Octr 1823

Thomas Williamson Jones, the Father of the above mentioned children, was born 25th of June 1788

Mary Armistead, his wife was born 17th Feby 1793

The above Thos. Williamson Jones and Mary Armistead Goode were married on the 17th of February 1814 by the Rev. Ebenezer Margoness. They lived together Ten years 5 months & four days without one unkind word ever having passed between them.

Lucy Binns Jones daughter of the above was married to Dr. George Mason March 2nd 1836 by Revd John Granmer

Thos. W. Jones the husband of Mary Armistead Jones & father of the before mentioned children departed this life and with asssuraance [*sic*] of a better one the 21st day of July 1824 aged 36 years 26 days.

Thos. Williamson Jones son of the above departed this life the 24th day of Septr 1826 aged 6 years 6 months

Mary Armistead Jones daughter of the above departed this life Decer 2nd, 1833 aged 11 years & 9 months.

Lucy Binns Jones daughter of the above & beloved wife of Dr. Geo. Mason, departed this life in ____ September 3rd, 1882 at 2 oclock P.M. aged 65 years 6 mos. & 8 days.

Mary Armistead Jones the wife of Dr. Thomas Williamson Jones & mother of the family whose births on the foregoing page departed this life on 22nd day of May 1871 aged 76 years 3 months and 5 days. Many besides her children were up and called her blessed.

Allen James, Attorney at Law

Compiled by Ray Sasser

The 1850 Rutherford Co., Tenn., census indicates that Allen James was born in 1790 in Virginia and that his wife was Ann P. James, age 43. He married first Ann C. Wilkinson, mb 7 Dec. 1819, daughter of William Wilkinson, and had two daughters: Sarah A.W. James and Mary Louisa James. [1] *By 1826 he had married Ann P. Butts. Allen James of Brunswick Co., Va. conducted numerous land transactions in that county from 28 Nov. 1821* [2] *to 25 March 1833.* [3] *In a deed of 13 Nov. 1835, "Allen James & Ann P. James, formerly Butts," are referred to for the first time as being "of Rutherford Tenn."* [4] *In one earlier deed* [5] *reference is made to Allen James of Petersburg. Allen James was not the first of the Brunswick County Jameses to migrate to Rutherford County, Tenn., for John Pease James, whose will Allen would later be commissioned to attempt to annul (see below), had moved there in 1811. Allen James wrote his will in Brunswick County on 21 Sept. 1843, beginning with the words "I Allen James of Rutherford County Tennessee at present being in my native County of Brunswick, Virginia...." He names his wife Ann P. James, Sarah A. W. [Poynor?] and Mary Louisa Buford (his two daughters by his first marriage), his brother William James, and the unnamed children of his second marriage, the oldest of whom is not yet twenty-two years old. The will was proved in Rutherford County in April 1851 and proved in Brunswick County February 1853.* [6]

Brunswick County Deed Book 30. pp 336-337:

Know all Men by these Presents that I Samuel Patillo of the County of Rutherford in the State of Tennessee Guardian specially for Benjamin B Taylor

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1 *Brunswick Marriage Register; Brunswick Deed Book 33 p.297; Brunswick Will Book 14 pp.411-412*

2 *Brunswick Deed Book 25 p.245*

3 *Brunswick Deed Book 29 p.451*

4 *Brunswick Deed Book 30 pp.499-500*

5 *Written and recorded 23 Dec. 1823, Brunswick Deed Book 26 p.135*

6 *Brunswick Will Book 15 pp.674-675*

[*sic*] of the County & State aforesaid have made ordained authorized nominated and appointed, and by these presents do make ordain authorise nominate & appoint Allen James of the County of Rutherford State of Tennessee my true & lawful attorney for me & in my name & for my own proper use & benefit of the said Benj^{a} B. Pattillo to ask demand sue for recover & receive of and from John B. Thrower the Executor of James Pattillo dec^{d} late of Brunsk [*sic*] County in the State of Virginia all such sums of Money debts & demands whatever which are now due & owing to me as Guardian of the said Benja Pattillo or to the said Benj^{a} B. Pattillo as one of the legates of the said James Pattillo dec^{d} & to brave take & use all lawful ways & means in my name or otherwise for the recovery thereof by suit or otherwise & acquittances or other sufficient discharges for the same for & in my name to make & seal & to do all other lawful acts & things concerning the premises as fully in every respect as I myself might or could do were I personally present at the doing thereof & attornies one or more under him for the purposes aforesaid to make & again at his pleasure to revoke hereby ratifying & confirming whatever my said Attorney shall in my name lawfully do or cause to to acrue [*sic*] in & about the premises by virtue of these presents In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of June in the year 1835.

Samuel Pattillo Gardn

[*Certificates from Tennessee affixed.*]

Brunswick County Court Clerks Office June 20th 1835

This Power of Attorny from Samuel Pattillo to Allen James was returned into the Clerks Office with the certificates therein and admitted to Record according to Law

Examind *Teste*

R Turnbull BC

Brunswick County Deed Book 32 p.171:

Know all men by these presents that I John Braswell of the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia having intermarried with Elizabeth James a legitimate daughter of John James late of the State of Tennessee and whereas the said John James having departed this life sometime since died left a will in which it appears he has left me or his said daughter Elizabeth a very Small part of his estate, having at the same time left to some others of his children large legacies compared to the one left to me or his said daughter Elizabeth which is not in accordance with his declarations made to me at Sundry times, which induces me to believe that the said John James was not in his right mind at the time of making his will and therfore incapable of making one. Now therefore I hereby make, constitute and appoint my friend Allen James of Rutherford County Tennessee my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to use all legal

means and ways to annul the will of the said John James to sue for recover and receive for me in right of my wife Elizabeth an equal part of the Estate of the said John James and for all monies debts and other property so received by my said Attorney he is hereby authorized to grant acquitances for the same as fully and effectually as if done by myself in person. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 22 day of January 1841

John Braswell

Brunswick County Court January Term 1841

This Power of Attorney from John Braswell to Allen James was acknowledged by the said James & ordered to be Recorded

Exam^{d} *Teste*

Chs Turnbull CBC

Brunswick County Deed Book 33 pp.293-294:

Know all men by these presents that we Jno Braswell and Elizabeth Braswell his wife formerly James, Jas. P Braswell, Jno N Braswell, Parham N. Braswell, Jesse J Braswell, Pegram R. Braswell, Wm L Braswell, Jno N Moore in right of his wife Ann P formerly Braswell, Sarah F Braswell and Martha W J Braswell heirs and devisees of Jno P James dec^{d} late of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee having for divers good Causes and Considerations us hereunto Moving nominated Constituted and appointed and by these presents do make Constituted and appoint Allen James of the County and State aforesaid our true effectual and lawfull attorney in fact for and in our name place room and Stead do ask for, demand and Sue for of the Executors or Executor adm^{r} or admors Commissioners or any other legal representative of the estate of the Said John P James decd or any othre [*sic*] agent or person or persons owing us in the State of Tennessee aforesaid and to receive and receipt for any money or monies or property due us or in any wise belonging to us in the state aforesaid and upon him they or them refusing to pay or deliver to our said atto any property or money due and belonging to us our said atto is hereby impowered and directed to institute and carry on any Suit in Law or equity necessary for the recovery of any property or moneys due us or any part thereof we paying all expenses incured by our said Atto who is authorised to receive receipt for the same and grant receipts, acquitances and discharges; and to do all and every thing necessary and lawfull in and about the premises in as full and ample a manner as we ourselves Coud [*sic*] do if personally present and doing the Same ourselves, In Witness whereof we the said Jno Braswell, Elizabeth Braswell, Jos P Braswell, Jno N Braswell, Parham N Braswell, Jesse J Braswell, Pegram R Braswell, W^{m} L Braswell, Jn N Moore, Sarah F Braswell and Martha W J Braswell have hereunto set our hands and seals this 28th day of August 1843

Teste

Hartwell Hill
his
William X Jones
mark
his
Benj[a] E X Moore
mark

Jno Braswell
Elizabeth Braswell
Jno H Braswell
Pegram R Braswell
Sarah F Braswell
Martha E W J Braswell
Pegram N Braswell
Jos P Braswell
his
Jno X N Moore
mark

Clerks Office Brunswick County Court Sept 4th 1843

This Power of Attorney from Jno Braswell and others to Allen James was proved by the oaths of H Hill, W[m] Jones and Benjamin E Moore, Witnesses Thereto & admitted to Record

Exam[d] *Teste*

E R Turnbull Clk

Brunswick County Deed Book 33 pp.243-246:

Know all men by these presents that we Rebeca Floyd widow and relict of Josiah Floyd dec[d] late of the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia, Mary Floyd, Rebecca D Floyd, Martha Floyd and Nancy Floyd Children and devisees of the Said Josiah Floyd dec[d] all of the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee have for divers good Causes and Considerations us hereunto moving nominated Constituted and appointed and by these presents do make Constitute and appoint Allen James of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee aforesaid our true effectual and lawfull attorney, in fact for and in our name place room and Stead, to ask for demand and recover any and all money or moneys that may be due us for rent of our plantation lying and being in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia aforesaid from James P Harrison our agent there or from any other person or persons indebted to us and upon any or more of them refusing to pay our Said atto upon demand them and in that Case our said atto is authorised & hereby impowered and directed to institute and Carry on any Suit in Law and equity necessary for the recovery of our monies aforesaid and to do all and every thing necessary to be done for the proper obtaining of Judgment or decrees and final recovery of said money or any part thereof and to give releases and acquitances recepts and discharges or any other matter or thing necessary in and about the premises. Also we further impower our Said attorney in fact for us and in our names to Sell and Convey to any person or persons their heirs and assigns forever who will purchase the Same by general Warranty Deed the tract of land on which the Said Josiah Floyd died

seized, and devised by him in his life time to us in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia aforesaid and to receive the Consideration Money or take notes for the Same at his discretion. He May also bring and prosecute in our names any Suit that may be necessary to give possession of, or establish our title to the Same employ Such Counsel or other aid as he may need at our expense and charge, and we do hereby ratify and confirm any act or thing he may Lawfully ddo in the premises as fully as if we were personally present and doing the same ourselves In Witness whereof we have hereunto set and affixed our hands and Seals this 8th day of April 1843

Rebecca Floyd
Mary Floyd
Rebecca D. Floyd
Martha Floyd
Nancy Floyd

[*Certificates from Tennessee affixed.*]

Brunswick County Court June term 1843

This Power of Attorney from Rebecca Floyd etc to Allen James was returned into Court & together with the certificates thereon ordered to be Recorded

Exd *Teste*

E. R. Turnbull Clk

Brunswick County Deed Book 33 pp.246-247:

Know all men by these presents that we Martha J Burge George W Sanford in right of his wife Elizabeth T Sanford formerly Burge Virginia V Burge of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee and Thomas C Reid in right of his wife Sally R Reid, formerly Burge of the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee Children & heirs of Thomas Burge decd late of the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia have for divers good Causes and Considerations us hereunto moving nominated made Constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Allen James of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee aforesaid our true effectual and lawfull attorney in fact for and in our name place room and Stead to ask for, demand, receive and receipt for all monies due us as heirs and distributees aforesaid by the Excr Exors admor admors Commissioners or any other legal representative of our late Aunt Sally Bass decd of the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia aforesaid or either or any of them and upon any or more of them refusing to pay our Said attorney upon demand, then and in that Case our Said Attoney is authorized and hereby impowered and directed to institute and Carry on any Suit in Law or Equity necessary for the recovery of our monies aforesaid and to do all and every thing necessary to be done for the proper obtaining of Judgment or decrees and final recovery of Said Money or any part thereof and

to give releases and acquitances, receipts and discharges or any other matter or thing necessary in and about the premises hereby ratifying making effectual and Confirming whatever our Said attorney May lawfully do in and about the premises in as full and ample a manner as if we were personally present. In Witness whereof the Said Martha J Burge George W Sanford in right of his wife Sally T [*sic*] Virginia V Burge and Thomas C Reid in right of his wife Sally R hath hereunto set their hands and Seals this 10th day of April 1843

George Sanford
Martha J Burge
her
Virginia V X Burge
mark

Brunswick County Court June term 1843

This Power of attorney from Martha J Burge and others to Allen James was returned into Court and together with the Certificates thereon Ordered to be Recorded

Exam^d^ *Teste*

E R Turnbull Clk

Brunswick County Deed Book 33 pp.313-314:

State of Tennessee Bedford County

Know all men by these presents that We Thomas C Reid and his wife Sara C Reid do hereby appoint and Constitute Allen James of Rutherford County State of Tennessee our real and lawfull attorney for us and in our names to receive for us and in our names that portion of the estate of Sarah Bass late of the County of Brunswick State of Virginia which estate is in the hands of William Mallory who resides also in the County of Brunswick Virginia; and the said Allen James is hereby authorised and empowered for us and in our names to receipt for us and do any and every thing necessary to make the making, receiving of said estate Legal, and every thing necessary for us to do and every Voucher that we ourselves would be required to give in receiving said estate, the said Allen James is hereby authorised to give & to do all other things in our names, to recover said estate In testimony whereof we have affixed our names & Seals this 2^d^ day August

Jno Powell
N Sugg

Thomas C Reid
Sally R Reid

[*Certificates from Tennessee affixed.*]

Clerks Office Brunswick County Court Sept. 30th 1843

This Power of Attorney from Thomas C Reid & wife to Allen James was returned into said Office and together with the Certificates thereon admitted to Record

Exd *Teste*

E R Turnbull Clk

Brunswick County Deed Book 33 p.245:

State of Tennessee Rutherford County

We do hereby nominate Constitute and Appoint Allen James of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee our attorney in fact for us and in our names to Sell and Convey to any person or persons, their heirs and assigns forever, who will purchase the Same, by general warranty deed one tract or parcel of Land lying in the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia on the head waters of Pigeon Roost Creek Containing by estimation Seventy eight acres (78) be the Same more or less, it being all that portion set apart as the distributive Share of Rebecca M Blanch out of the lands of which Ezekial Blanch died seized and possessed; and take and receive the Consideration Money and we do hereby Ratify and Confirm any act or thing he may lawfully do in the premises as fully as if we were present and doing the Same ourselves. Given under our hand and seals this 15 day of April Anno Domine 1843

John E Dromgoole
Rebecca N Dromgoole

[*Certificates from Tennessee affixed.*]

Brunswick County Court June term 1843

This Power of Attorney from Jno E Dromgoole and wife to Allen James, was returned into Court and together with the Certifices thereon Ordered to be Recorded

Examd *Teste*

E R Turnbull Clk

Some Southampton County Marriages 1783 & 1795-1799

Submitted by Helen Pate Ross

Editor's Note: The following is a transcription of a list provided to Helen Pate Ross by the County Clerk's Office of Southampton County.

Minister's Return Southampton County, Virginia

			husband	wife
1783	April	6	Evans Wrenin	Lucy Hicks
"	"	25	James Butts	Fanny Leurs
"	May	29	Jacob Cornwall	Sarah Wilkinson
"	June	24	Moses Booth	Sally Jones
"	"	26	William Smith	Eliza Taylor
"	July	3	James Maget	Janett Everitt
"	"	31	Thos Pope	Eliza Underwood
"	Aug	5	John Taylor	Sarah Ruffin
"	"	17	John Rosser	Nanacy Lawrence
"	"	21	Burwell Artis	Angey Hurst
"	Sept	2	Jacob McMial	Mary Faye
"	"	4	Richard Pond Jr	Eliza Heath
"	"	11	Jesse Williford	Susannah Rowe
"	"	16	Adam Volfroum	Sarah Hicks
"	"	18	Theophilus Scott	Mary Vasser
"	"	18	Kirby Porteis	Mary Windham
"	"	26	Kinchen Edwards	Miriam Frasey
"	"	26	William Pate	Rebecca Hail
"	Oct	2	William Tomilinson	Rebecca Stewart
"	"	14	Nathan Pope	Polly Pope
"	"	30	John Beal	Isabel Beal
"	"	30	Dolphin Drew	Sally Rialey
"	"	30	Hardy Applewhait	Charlotte Clifton
"	Nov	6	Jordan Johnson	Lucy Hines
"	"	6	Malachy Oldney	Mary Fort
"	"	18	James Wilson Coker	Martha Jones
"	Dec	14	Isham Blake	Mary Masey Clifton

1795	April	12	Nathan Thomas	Catharine Gray
			Catharn in minister's returns Apr 24 1795 Sec: Ethl Turner & S Kello	
"	"	20	Joshua Womble	Mary Hart
			sec Benj Bailey	
"	"	27	James Porter	Delilah Underwood
			Sec: John Underwood, R Kello & S Kello	
"	May	9	Wilkinson Capell	Peggy Barham
			fa Joel Barham	Sec: Wm Holliman S Kello
"	"	9	David Pope	Nancy Johnson
			Sec John Johnson	
			Nathan Pope on back of bond	
"	"		Frederick ------ts	Sarah Hines
			Sec: Etheldred Kitchen & R Kello	
"	"	16	Samuel Johnson	Rebecca Clark
			ma Rebecca Clark	Sec: James Clark,
			Jno D Haussmann & Wm Clark	
"	"	14	Hinshen Cobb	Milly Cobb
			Sec Josiah Cobb	
"	"	14	Jordan Pate	Elezebeth Adams
			Sec Wm Pate in Minister's Returns	
			June 3 1795 Jno D Haussmann	
1798	Dec	17	Mills Fowler	Rebetker Fowler
			ma Lewary Fowlar	Sec: John Darden
"	"	17	Wm Kirby	Elizabeth Turner
			consent Mildred Turner	Sec: Jessee Holt, W. Evans
"	"	17	Drewry Pate	Betsey Thorpe
			garden Randal Reese	Sec Jordan Pate,
			John Reese	
"	"	19	James Whitehead	Agathy Washington
			Sec: Wm Washington, W Evans	
"	"	25	Philip Raiford	Mille Johnson
			Sec: Wm Raiford, S Kello	
"	"	29	Willson Summerell	Liewianer Holden
			Sec: Solomon Cooper	
1799	Jan	2	Benjamin Miller	Nancy Fort
			Sec: Owen Myrick	
"	"	3	William, Tunnell	Betsey Little
			Sec: Enos James, S Kello jr	

Unrecorded Will of Giles Daniel - 1804
Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.

In the Name of God Amen. — I Giles Daniel of the County of Isle of Wight being very sick, but of sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following
Vizt———

1st I give unto my Daughter Martha Leeds one Bed and furniture one Cow & Calf and some Puter and other articles which Property I give her on her marriage with Saml. Leeds to her & her heirs forever. ____

2ly I give unto my Daughter Sarah Godwin four head of Cattle one Mare one Chest & one Bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

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3ly I give unto my Daughter Betsey one Bed & furni. of her own choice, her choice of Chest two Potts & two Looking Gasses if she chooses Six chairs of her choice Tea Kettle & Coffee Pott & at her marriage if there is money in the hands of my Executor four Cows.

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4ly I leave all the residue of my Estate (Negroes excepted) to be sold & after my just debts & other expenses are paid to be equally divided among my five Sons *Viz*! Giles James Henry John & William —

It is my wish that all my Negores & their increase be hired out & the money arising from the the [*sic*] hires to be applyed towards the support of my five Sons & as they Arrive at the Age of twenty one for them to have their equal propotion of the said Negroes agreeable to their valuation ___

And Lastly I leave my freind Josiah Godwin my Executor to this my last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have set my hand & Seal this Twenty-Sixth day of December one Thousand Eight hundred & four ————————

Sign'd — Sealed
And acknowledged
In the presence of
Jeremiah Lawrence
James Andrews

Giles Daniel

Giles Daniel {Seal}

This will was found in the Loose Papers of the Isle of Wight Circuit Court Unrecorded Wills, Acc. No. 32814, Archives and Records Division, Virginia State Library and Archives, Richmond, Virginia, and is published here with the kind permission of Dr. Louis H. Manarin, State Archivist.

Historical Tidbits

We recently received a letter from Mrs. Charles Pickett, a new subscriber from Farmville, Virginia. Mrs. Pickett noted that in Volume XI, No. 2, on page 70, there is a reference to "Nine Ells Dowless." She writes:

> An ell is an old measurement for cloth, and dowlass (dowlas) is cloth. My *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition*, defines ell thus: "A measure, chiefly of cloth, now little used. It varies between the English ell of 45 inches and the old Dutch or Flemish ell of 27".
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> Dowlas (the spelling in my *New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary*, Expanded Edition (1974, 1977) is coarse cotton cloth, according to that dictionary.

This piqued our interest, so we investigated on our own and came up with the following definitions from *The World Book Dictionary*, 1981, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

> **ell** - a measure of length, chiefly used in measuring cloth. In England, where it was formerly used, it was equal to 45 inches. (*Figurative.*) *Give him an inch and he'll take an ell.* Also. **el.** [Old English *eln* (originally) length of the lower arm]
>
> **dowlas** - **1** a course linen cloth much used in the 1500's and 1600's. **2** a cotton cloth like this.

Thus it appears that this entry in Robert Blight's will of 1710/11 was bequeathing a specific length of coarse linen cloth.

We appreciate Mrs. Pickett calling our attention to this detail. It is the little things such as this which make the study of Southside history so interesting. We encourage all of our readers to submit short pieces which may give us all further insight into the day-to-day activities of our forebearers.

QUERIES

Notice to subscribers. Queries may request explicit information on individuals who should be identified by place name (county or town) and by date (year only). We will attempt to print the queries as received without editing, if possible, so please keep them as concise as possible. If you wish to exchange information on a specific surname or group of people with similar names, simply begin your query with "Exchange" and follow with the family names of interest. Queries are only accepted from active subscribers at the time the query is received. Due to the increase in numbers of queries received, please limit your queries to 50 words each (not counting your name and address), and only submit one for each issue published. Queries are printed in the order in which they are received and on a space available basis. Multiple queries from the same individual may appear in separate issues. Please **PRINT** or **TYPE** your queries to make sure that the information published is accurate, and names and addresses are correct, so that you can receive the answers you wish without delay.

MORRISSEY: Seek colonial era relations and descs. John Flavin m 1806 to Honora Morrissey (1782-1832) at Aglish. In 1812 Honora m Peter Connor at Stradbally, Co. Waterford, Ireland. **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92586.**

ARNOLD: Researching family of William Arnold who lived on Tanwallet Creek, Cumberland Co c1754 until d 1774. Wife Elizabeth _?_, d after 1774. Ch: William Jr d 1801 Halifax Co; Thomas d 1796 Oglethorpe Co, GA; Henry d 1815; John d 1815 Pr Ed Co; Moses d 1811 Cumberland Co. **Ted O. Brooke, 2055 Foster Dr., Cumming, GA 30130.**

LIPSCOMB: Was Thomas Lipscomb, will prob 1805 Halifax Co, son of Benjamin, will 1778 Amelia Co? Who was mother of Thomas's son John who m Dicey Scott, dau John and Dicey Moon Scott 1799: Mary Barksdale, dau Collier, m 1773 Charlotte Co or Gilley Whitlock, dau Thomas, m 1779 Halifax? **Miss Billie Lipscomb, 2564 Donald Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1945.**

Frederick, MD: **FISHER, LEWIS, FREEZE, MARTIN, ROWE, TOMS, VALENTINE, WOLFE.** York/Adams, PA: **LANG, DIEHL, KELLER, KONIG, LONG, KING, LEBENSTINE, MENGIS, MITTEN, HERRING.** Loudoun, VA: **CARNES, COMPHER, FAWLEY, FRY(E), LOY, SPRING, VINCEL.** Baltimore, MD: **KELBAUGH, TAYLOR.** Berks Co, PA: **SPRING, COMPHER, LANG. Trudie Davis Long, 8213 Mapleville Rd., Mount Airy, MD 21771-9713.**

MAJORS: Seek info on John Major(s), wife, family. Located in: Henry Co 1778; Pr Geo Co 1782-87; Fayette Co 1782-87; Pittsylvania Co 1777; King Wm Co c1775; King & Queen Co c1775; Hampshire Co 1790; any other locations. Will exchange info on Major family genealogy in VA/SC. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

HUNDLEY, EVITT: Seek info on these families Halifax Co pre-1810. Come from Buckingham Co? Who is John Evitt? IGI lists Mrs. Francis Evatt (Evitt), b Halifax Co 1807, a John Evitt b 1803 in Halifax Co, and a Hunley (Hundley) Evitt b 1772, no Co, m Elizabeth Ellenburg. **Jack Hockett, 270 Iven Ave., 2-C, St. David's, PA 19087.**

ADAMS, WOOD, TURNER, BARNETT: Seek origin/proof John Adams in Halifax Co 1752, Rev veteran, and wife, Susan Wood, dau of Robert, Brunswick Co, will prob 1746. Seek info Esther Turner, wife of John Junior (1763-1835), Gloucester Co. Their

dau Sarah m Dr. Currie Barnett of Person Co, NC. **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St., Sumter, SC 29150.**

HARDY, COUNCIL: Seek parents/researchers of Lucy Hardy and Hodges Council Sr, who d 1699 VA. Lucy Council m Richard Wooten Jr. Christiana Council m Edward Bryan, to NC. Also interest in **RIGNEY, GUILFORD, MURPHY, FORBES, ROACH. J. A. L. Miller, Jr. 2810-k Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328.**

VAUGHAN, BIRD: Seek parents/birth date/marriage date/places of Frances Ann Bird (c1810-1847), who m Bolling Vaughan (1799-c1877) in Hanover? Co before 1838. **Irving M. Groves, III, 4809 Cole Ave., Ste. 145, Dallas, TX 75205.**

FULTON: Researching David Fulton who d Mar, 1822 (will) in Grayson Co, VA. It is rumored that he was in Guilford Co, NC prior to 1783. His two wives were Mary and Nancy. What were their maiden names? Who were his parents? Seek proof about Guilford Co. **Blanche Tompkins, 360 W. 20th St., San Bernardino, CA 92405.**

WOODALL: Seek info on Woodall family, particularly parents of William Harrison Woodall b c1805, m Marinda (G. or H.) Ramsey, 2 Dec 1831. She of Charlotte Co. May have attended Rough Creek Presbyterian Church. Also Robert Obedian Woodall b c1811, d 24 Mar 1881 in Buckingham, m Mary Jane Jefferies. **Lucy Woodall Harris, 122 Quinlan St., Lynchburg, VA 24503.**

BUTLER: Seek any info on Allen Butler who m in ME and lived in ME from 1821 to 1860. The ME census lists him as b in VA, probably c1796. Who were his parents/ sibs? **Mrs. Harriet Douville, 384 Donald St., Bedford, NH 03110-5936.**

Exchange: Lunenburg Co: **FARMER, HIX, RAINEY** and **WALKER** families. Mecklenburg Co: **MARSHALL, RAINEY,** and **WALKER**. Isle of Wight: **ADDISON** family. Cumberland Co: **FURLONG, FARMER, MARSHALL, ARMSTRONG, EMMERSON** and **WORSHAM**. Bedford Co: **HAYS, HIX, HUFF, HUNTER. Barbara Moore, Rt 12, Box 378, New Braunfels, TX 78132-1602.**

DILLARD: Seek info on Thomas Dillard, listed in Dinwiddie Co Personal Property Tax Rolls 1782 to 1789. Naugle's VA Tax Payers 1782 to 1787. Hughes & Love VA Taxes 1782 to 1794. His estate taxed 1794 to 1806. Where was this Thomas Dillard prior to 1782? **Olin Dillard, 807 Country Ridge Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.**

AUSTIN: Was George Austin, who patented land Pamunkey River 1648, progenitor of Austins New Kent and Hanover cos? James Austin c1700 devised tract in New Kent to Thomas and Elinor Elmore, and after their death to their dau Elizabeth Elmore who m Thomas Moore. Who were James Austin's other beneficiaries? **Mrs. Carolyn S. Bailey, 1135 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804-5116.**

GRIMSTEAD: Seek info on William or James Devenia Grimstead who went from Pr Anne Co to Matthews Co in mid 1860s. William m Lucy Ann Bailay Aug 31, 1853 and James Devenia m Mariah Lucretia Collier Feb 8, 1866. Where were they in the 1850s? **Mrs. L. R. Jennings, Jr., 913 Briarfield Rd., Newport News, VA 23605.**

ROWLETT: Seek info on Mary Rowlett, widow of William who in will 1777 Chesterfield Co, named Hannah Hunt as her dau, and Mary Hill (dau of Hannah) as her gr-dau. Another dau was Mary Bowman; sons were: Joseph Cooke, William Cooke, and Peter Rowlett. Is the above Mary Hill the one who m John Spears 1787? She named dau Hannah. **Ellen S. Dorsey, 222 Parker Rd., Nacogdoches, TX 75961.**

WILLIAMS, CURL(E): Seek info on parents of William Williams (b c1750, d c1795), Norfolk, whose wife was Mary Curle, dau of David Curle, Elizabeth City Co. Who were their ch besides William Curle Williams? Did William or Mary Curle Williams leave a will or property? **Rosemary B. Dodd, 2 Oak Lane SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3461.**

MOSELEY: Was the Edward Moseley who left will Charlotte Co 1808 (and had wife Amey) the one b 1718, son of Edward Moseley b 1687 and Jenette Cocke b 1696 who are said to have m 1717 Norfolk Co? Or was Edward the one b c1730 son of Arthur Moseley. **Warren L. Forsythe, Box 1299, Ellensburg, WA 98926-1299.**

SCOTT, UPSHAW: Seek any info on: Milly Scott m/1 Leroy Upshaw (d 1826-30) 1805 Halifax Co. One ch, Amelia ("Permelia") Upshaw b 1807/08 probably Lunenburg Co, m Andrew Bradley 1823 Carter Co, TN, d after 1870 Monroe Co?, TN. Milly m/2 James Gray c1826 Monroe Co, TN. **Ted Brooke, 2055 Foster Dr., Cumming, GA 30130.**

PROYTHRESS, PRESTON: Seek info on parents/families of James Poythress and wife Catharine T. Preston and security/witness James Preston per VSL-compiled Marr Register, Brunswick Co, 29 Jan 1828. Seek source citations births of James Edward Poythress supposedly Mecklenburg Co 1805?/1803?, and Catharine supposedly Brunswick Co 1800. **Barbara Poythress Neal, 747 Via De La Paz, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-4367.**

PENNINGTON: Seek info on desc for Benjamin Pennington Sr b c1719 Surry Co (son of Thomas and Mary Pennington); m Lucy, dau of Walter Bailey; lived Brunswick and Mecklenburg cos. Ch: Benjamin Jr m Elizabeth Lark; Edward m Nettie Lark; Anna m Reuben Mitchell; Robert m Frances Finch (Linch?). **Modell S. Burt, 1016 Audubon Pky, Louisville, KY 40213-1364.**

WARREN: Seek desc/info on Ann Warren b c1854 Dinwiddie Cty, dau of John William Henry Warren and Mary P. Vaughan. John and Mary were m on 11 Jan 1853, John d in Aug 1862. Last known residence of Mary P. was Wilson's P. O., Dinwiddie Cty, VA. **William S. Zdrojewski, 2153 Monument Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-9019. 804-479-4277.**

TAYLOR: Seek info on Anthony Taylor b c1740 VA, probably son of Bernard Taylor (b 1718). Bernard left planation to Anthony 1751 Chesterfield Co. Bernard had another son James left planation to him 1761 Chesterfield Co. Any info on these Taylors would be appreciated. **Colleen Taylor Briner, Rt 4, Box 3378, Stigler, OK 74462.**

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EDITORIAL

The Virginia State Archives needs YOUR HELP. Did you know that: 1) the Virginia State Archives has a greater number of visitors each day than any other state (twice that of Texas, four times that of Massachusetts); 2) the "Archives" is not an independent entity, but a step-child of the Virginia State Library; 3) the Archives received in fiscal years 1992-93 and 1993-94 only 11% of the $20.3 million budget for the Virginia State Library & Archives; 4) only $7000 was allotted in the last budget for continued conservation and restoration of original documents; 5) there are enormous archival holdings that include county court records, solicited by the Archives from the county court clerks, that have not been inventoried, preserved or made available to the public; 6) these records continue to be inaccessible to those persons who have legitimate research interest in those holdings; 7) there are currently no plans to inventory or preserve these records, and as unprocessed records, they are slated to be stored off-site at a warehouse (These include, but are not limited to, county loose papers and original volumes, tax records, original state papers, military records, and land records).

What is being done? The Virginia Genealogical Society and Friends of the Virginia State Archives have started a campaign to separate the Archives from the Library Division so that it will no longer be short-changed when it comes to budget allocation. They have lobbied for increased funding for the Archives so that "our" records will be properly preserved and made available to those wishing access. In the legislative session just completed, they were successful in having a resolution passed "To Establish a Committee to Study the Reorganization of the State Library and Archives into Two Separate Entities."

What can YOU do? If you live in Virginia, write the Governor, your delegate and your state senator. If you live outside Virginia, write the Governor and the members of the Appropriations Committees listed below. Let them know how important it is to all of us that the preeminent Archives in the United States not be short-changed in these times of budget constraints. Let them know that once records are destroyed, they can never be recovered. Let them know what a tourist draw the Archives is to people visiting from out-of-state. Let them know that these visitors spend MONEY on books and copies of Virginia records, and stay at local hotels and eat at

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BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following books may be ordered from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687.** Please include $3 postage for one book, $1 for each additional book. Sales tax: Maryland residents 5%; Michigan residents 4%.

William Dollarhide, *Genealogy Starter Kit*, v, 26 pp.; genealogy charts; paper (8½x11); 1994. $8.95. As stated in the Preface, "The object of this booklet is to reduce the process of genealogical research to its most basic elements, ..." The "Kit" begins with a concise seven point methodology of gathering essential facts for any genealogical project. Those steps, contained in the **How to Start** section are: interviewing family members, contacting relatives, writing for death records, following up on death records, census searching, LDS library searching., and state and county searching. A **Where to Find More** section provides names and addresses of specific places where information can be obtained. These locations include: vital records offices of all fifty states, the various branches of the National Archives, and the major genealogical libraries and societies in the US, arranged by region. Finally, the booklet contains reproducible copies of the **Master Forms** utilized by all genealogical researchers; Family Group Sheet, Pedigree Chart, and Family Data Sheet. Whether you are a novice or a practiced researcher, you will find something of value in this compact edition. For the beginner, the basic materials and know-how are provided. For the expert, a succinct list of sources provides an easy aid to research. At this price, every genealogist should have one.

Ernest Thode, *Address Book for Germanic Genealogy*, Fifth Edition, 174 pp; maps; paper (8½x11); 1994. $24.95. With the re-unification of East and West Germany, the author was compelled to revise his extensive work on Germanic research sources. Not only were the two countries reunited, but a common postal code system was instituted which required the re-compilation of all previous addresses. The changes in Germany were not the only problems the author had to contend with. The other countries of Eastern Europe have seen much transition and turmoil, which required extensive revision to this work. This book provides names and addresses of the following sources of materials for those searching Germanic ancestry: Genealogical, Historical, and German-Related Societies Outside Europe; Archives in America; German-American Religious Organizations; German-American and/or American Genealogical Booksellers and Importers; Foreign Offices in America; German-Language Newspapers in North America; Map Sources; Ship and Riverboat Records; National, Regional, and Specialized Archives; Municipal Archives; European Religious Archives; Genealogical and

Historical Societies; European Genealogical Publishers; National and Regional Libraries; German Museums; Genealogists. Finally, the book provides copies of form letters in German (with English translations) which can be utilized to correspond with sources in Germany. Finally, a section on "Useful Phrases for Inserting in Form Letters," is provided so that the user can personalize their correspondence. It is difficult to imagine anyone trying to perform Germanic research without the aid of this exhaustive volume.

Stuart E. Brown, Jr., Lorraine F. Myers, and Eileen M. Chappel, *Pocahontas' Descendants*, A Revision, Enlargement and Extension of the List as Set Out by Wyndham Robertson in His Book *Pocahontas and Her Descendants* (1887), combined with two volumes of corrections and additions, 716 pp; illus.; index; cloth (6x9); 1985,1992, 1994. $50.00 This extensive work contains the latest research from all of the leading authorities on the progeny of John Rolfe and Pocahontas, which today number in the tens of thousands. Endorsed by the Pocahontas Society, this volume updates the work performed by Wyndham Robertson, with all currently available evidence cited. Pocahontas' descendants are traced to the present time. Various theories and supporting materials are presented and are thoroughly and impartially discussed. The conclusions reached are presented in a logical and scholarly manner, and the corrections and additions contained in the volumes of 1992 and 1994 have been appended to the base volume, which was published in 1985. The index contains well over 30,000 names. This highly controversial subject, from a genealogical standpoint, has been treated with great thoroughness, and the material is presented without bias. This is an exceptional work and should be consulted by any who seek information on the earliest of Virginia families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GANT(T) FAMILY NEWSLETTER. This is to announce that a new quarterly newsletter on the Gant(t) family of America, entitled "Ganttrees," is being published. This newsletter will carry on the work begun in the book *John Gant ca 1713-1783 of Virginia and North Carolina* which was published last year by Clifford L. Gant (See review in Volume XI, No. 3 of this publication.) The annual subscription price is $10 and may be ordered through **Ben Gantt at 12319 Perthshire, Houston, TX 77024.**

DESCENDANTS OF VALENTINE HOLLINGSWORTH, SR. SOCIETY announces that the 1994 **Hollingsworth** Reunion will be held July 16, 1994, at Winchester, VA. Contact: **Robert S. Coleman, 18 Westover Road, Newport News, VA 23601-3928; (1-804-596-3064).** Anyone who believes that they are a descendant of **Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr**, is eligible for membership, and is encouraged to join with other

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THE BATES BOOSTER newsletter is published by The Bates Family of Old Virginia and has appeared on a bi-monthly basis for the past 22 years. The newsletter is provided to the membership for $10/the first year and $5/each year thereafter. Contact the editor for further information: **Wayne Witt Bates, 5817 Stone Ridge Dr., Centreville, VA 22020; (703) 266-2427.**

THE 4 CORNERS ANCESTOR FAIR, covering Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas, will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 22 and 23. It promises to be a gold mine for genealogical researchers and history buffs. Exhibitors already registered include Immigrant Genealogical Society, German Research Center, Orphan Train Heritage Society, LDS Family History Center, Cherokee genealogical and research organizations, Shiloh Museum, DAR, SAR, as well as various family and cemetery associations and county societies in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Resource experts in specialized areas of interest in the four state area will be available for interviews throughout the day on Saturday, July 23. These will include a German translator who can translate from old script and translate basic genealogical terms of most European languages. There are a series of special programs and events planned at various areas of interest throughout the weekend as well as many attractions for family members who are not genealogy aficionados. For information send a SASE to the **Washington County Historical Society; 118 E. Dickson, Fayetteville, AR 72701**, call WCHS Tuesday through Friday 1 to 4 pm **(501) 521-2970**; or call **Ann Sugg, chairman, (501) 521-2020; FAX (501) 521-2012.**

1994 WILL MARK THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF CEDAR CREEK which was fought in Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley. On that foggy morning of October 19, 1864, Gen. Early's troops surprised the Union forces under the command of the absent Gen. Phil Sheridan. Later that afternoon, Sheridan made his legendary ride from Winchester, regrouped his army and counterattacked. The course of history was changed that day.

The Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation is actively seeking the descendants of Cedar Creek veterans. Plans are underway for activities during the weekend that will be of special interest to descendants. The reenactment will take place October 15-16, 1994. For more information write to **PO Box 229, Middletown, VA 22645 or call (703) 869-2064**. Tax deductible donations may be sent to the same address.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY PRESS announces the release of the first-time paperback printing of *Champ Ferguson, Confederate, Guerilla* by Thurman Sensing. The original 1942 edition has long been a collector's item, and the second edition, published in 1985, is now out-of-print.

When the Civil War began in 1861, the men of the Cumberland Mountains chose sides and began to fight a private war with each other. Often motivated by vengeance and vendetta, their armed bands had only irregular connections with either

the Union or Confederate armies. The most infamous of these Cumberland guerillas was Champ Ferguson, whose exploits were interspersed with periods of service as a scout for Morgan's Men and as a member of "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler's cavalry. Though there is little that is admirable in Champ Ferguson's story, this fascinating account of his life adds a unique dimension to our understanding of the horrors of America's Civil War.

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Amelia County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

Amelia County Order Book 1 - 1735-1736

[p.1] *The Commission of Peace for Amelia County being read and the Dedimus [of] Abraham Green & James Clarke 2 of the Justices therein [mentioned] Administered the Oaths appointed to Edward Booker & Charles Irby Gent. who Subscribed the Test And took the Oaths of a Justice of Peace & Chancery and afterwards administered the aforesaid Oaths unto Richard Booker Abraham Green and James Clarke who Subscribed the Test*

John Burton Gent. Produced a Commission to be Sheriff of this County and having taken the Oaths appointed and Subscribed the Test took the Oath of Sheriff

At a Court held for Amelia County the 9th day of May 1735

Present Edward Booker Charles Irby Richard Booker Abrham Green & James Clarke Gent. Just.

Samuel Cobbs Gent. produced a Commission from the Honourable Jno Carter Esqr. Secretary of this Colony appointed him Clerk of this County who after haveing taken the Oaths appointed by Law and Subscribed the Test took the Oath of Clerk

Stephen Dewey Gent. produced a Commission to practice an an Attorney and having taken the Oaths appointed & Subscribed the Test took the Oath of an Attorney

Richard Eckhols haveing taken the Oaths and Subscribed the Test took the [*Oath*] of a Sheriff

John Bentley is Appointed Constable for this County above Deep Creek

John Clay appointed Constable below Deep Creek

Abraham Burton Appointed Surveyor of the Road from Flatt Creek to

Sappony ford and Deep Creek lower bridg

William Green Surveyor from ¥ aforesaid Bridg to Namozn. [*Namozain*] Road

Edward Booker Gent. to take the list of Tithables between Deep & Flatt Creeks

Abraham Green Gent. to take the list of Tithables above Deep Creek

John Forguson Surveyor of the Road from Flatt Creek & Down Andersons Road

John Dawson Gent. after having taken the Oaths appointed & Subscribed ¥ Test took the Oath of a Justice of Peace & Chancery.

Prest. Jno Dawson Gent.

John Dawson Gent. appointed to take the list of Tithables above Flatt Creek

Lewis Tanner Ordered to Clear a Road from the bridg below Mrs Andersons Quarter to Buckskin.

Order'd the Court be adjourn'd to the Second fryday in June next

Edward Booker

[p.2] *At a Court held for Amelia County July 11 1735*

Prest. Edward Booker Richd. Booker Jno. Dawson & James Clarke

Duke a Negro boy belonging to Arthur Leigh adjudg'd 10 years old

Tarbarak a Boy belonging to the same at 9 Years

Will a Negro Boy belonging to Joseph Molton Jur. adjudg'd 15 years old

The Mark of Mathew Talberts Stock: 2 smooth Crops

The Mark of John Forgusons Stock half Crop the Underside the left Ear and half Crop ¥ Uperside and hole in the Right

The Mark of William Mackewens Stock half moon under the Right Ear Swallow fork and half moon under the left

Thomas Covingtons mark Two smooth Crops & hole in the Right Ear

Robert Taylors mark Swallow fork in the Right & Staple fork in the left Ear

George Marchbanks mark Crop & Slitt the Right Ear half Crop the Underside ¥ left

Williams Battersby produc'd Licence to practice as an Attorney and after taking the Oaths appointed, Subscribed the test took ¥ Oath of an Attorney

Doll a Negro Girl belonging to Joyn Waller adjudg'd to 15 years

John West freed from paying County leveys

Elizabeth Jones Relict of John Jones decd Petts. for Administration of the decd Estate and making Oath According to law Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration on the Estate in due form

Thomas Covington and Robert Easley Securitys and acknowledg'd bond for [*1 word*]

Robert Taylor, Joseph Grainger, John Garrett & John Blanchett or any 3 of them being first Sworn Appointed to Apprais the Estate of Jno Jones decd

William Mote in his petition is freed from paying County leveys

William Clark vs. Robert Forguson Pett. Dismist

On the Petition of James Morgan vs. Thomas Prewett Issue be joynd and the Arguments on both sides fully heard and understood by the Court Judgment is granted ¥ Plant. for £1.S1 together with the Costs in this [*case*] Expended

The mark of William Marshalls Stock is a Smooth Crop & hole in each Ear

Richard Bookers marke a Crop & Slitt in the left Ear & Slitt in the Right

Ordered that the Court adjourn to the Second fryday in August next

Examined by *Samuel Cobbs* CCl *Edward Booker*

At a Court held for Amelia County August ¥ 1735

Prest. Edward Booker Charles Irby Richard Booker Abraham Green & James Clarke Gent. Justices

The marke of Edward Bookers Stock is a Crop in the left Ear & Slitt in the Right

Richard Bookers mark a Crop & Slitt in the left Ear & Slitt in the Right

Richd. Echols mark Crop each Ear. Overkeel the Right & under keel the left

James Clarke his mark a Crop in the right & Slitt in the left

William Batts at his Quarter on little Nottoway his hogs are mark'd with the left Ear Cropt and their tails Cutt, his black Cattle a Crop the left Ear

William Crawley vs. Thomas Robertson Attachment Dismist

Robert Tucker Jur. Appointed Surveyor of that Road from Namozn. bridg to the Swett house Creek

[p.3] Peter Davis vs. Thomas Robertson Attachmt. The Sheriff having return'd it Executed in the hands of Samuel Cobbs James Clarke and Thoms. Hodges

James Clarke came into Court and Acknowledg'd himself Indebted to the Defend. 3 shillings and Thomas Hodges acknowledg'd 6 Shillings to be due from him to the sd Robertsons Judgment is Granted the Plaintiff for ¥ sd [*Fines*] and there not appearing to be any thing Due from Samuel cobbs the att. is dismis'd

William Hudsons Marke is a Swallow fork in the right and Crop in the left Ears

James Munford vs. William Towns Tress. agreed dismiss'd

Phillis a Negro Girl belonging to John Winingham judged to be 15 years of Age.

John Nance appointed Surveyor from Butterwood to the coming in of the racepaths near Mr Irbys

Christopher Robertson Surveyor from Bagleys order to Capt. Starks Quarter

Francis Alan Surveyor of the road aCross Beaverpond branch into Andersons road

John Burtons mark of his Stock is Swallow fork in the Right a Crop & Slitt in ¥ left Ear.

Charles Irbys mark a Crop. hole & half moon in Each ear

Richard Jones a Crop and half moon under the Right & Swallow fork in ¥ left Ear

Christopher Robertsons marke a Crop & 2 Slitts in each Ear half moon and ¥ left

Samuel Cobbs a hole in the Right and Slitt in the left ear

Higdon Robinsons mark Swallow fork in the left and a Nick under it and a Nick under the right

Examind Ordered that the Court adjourn to the Second fryday in September next

by *Samuel Cobbs* CCl *Edward Booker*

At a Court held for Amelia County September the 12. 1735

Prest. Edward Booker Robert Booker Abraham Green & James Clarke Gent Justices

James Munford Gent. vs. John Bentley & Peter Davis Pltt. the Defendts. came into Court and Confess's themselves indebted to the Plant. 428 lbs of Orono: Tobacco Judgment is granted ¥ Plants. for the Same & Costs

Joseph Ward vs. Robert Forguson Pett. the Defendant Confess'd Judgment over for £4.S10 & Costs

William Crawleys marke Swallow fork in the left a Slitt down and a Nick over and under the Right Ear

Richard Jones Jnr. his mark Swallow fork the left & half moon the Right Ear

Peter Jones Jnr. a Crop & half moon uper side the Right Ear, Swallow fork ¥ left

Ordered the Court adjourn'd to the Second fryday Octobr. next

Examined by *Samuel Cobbs* CC *Edward Booker*

[p.4] *At a Court held for Amelia County November 14th 1735.*

Prest. Edward Booker Richard Booker Abraham Green & James Clarke Gent. Just.

Linens a Negro Boy belonging to John Clay adjudged to 12 years old

Jenny a Girl belonging to John West adjudged 9 years old

Dinah a Girl belonging to Edmond Franklin 12 years old

Thomas Consolio vs. John McWilliams Atta. The Sheriff haveing attach'd a Whipsaw & Drawing knif which being sold for for £2.S13 and the Plaintiff haveing made oath that £2.S10 is due to him from the sd McWilliams. Judgment is granted him for the [*Term*] out of the goods sold deducting the Costs valuing the Tobacco at 2 pence Pt pound.

James Crosby vs. Thomas Craddock Pett. Judment for [*Plant/Rent*] for £3.S.d4½ & Costs

William Crawley vs. Christr. Robertson Pett. Dismis'd

Joseph Grainger vs. Thomas Neal Pett. Dismd.

Robert Speirs vs. Henry Coleman Pett. dismisd.

Christopher Hinton Appointed Surveyor of the road over the Swethouse Creek below Abraham Jones's quarter into the Main road

David Lyles Surveyor of a bridleway from the Rattlesnake ford to the Church on Flatt Creek

William Clarke Appointed Surveyor of the Road from West Creek to the fork of the road near Capt. Peter Jones quarter

William Crawley Appointed Surveyor of the Road from Capt. Peter Jones fork where Clarke lives off to Wintercomiake

William Near [*New?*] Sworn Constable in room of John Clay

William Greens mark flower de luce in the left & Swallof fork in the right Ear

Isaac Hudson appointed Surveyor fo the road from [*Smac*] Creek to the river and Deep Creek bridg

Grand Jury being Sworn withdrew and after some time return'd and made the following presentments (to wit)

John Harris for Swearing & being Drunk

Lundsdon Washington for not coming to Church

Thos. Roberts the Same

Stephen Crump the same

Robert Childress the same

Thoms. Brooks ¥ same

David Lyles for Selling rum of a Sunday

Edmund Franklin for Adultry.

Several of the Inhabitants of this County complaining of the hardshops they labour under occationed by the riseing of the water in Appomattox river so as to prevent their crossing the same praying that a boat or some other convenience may be provided for that purpos. The Court conceiveing the same to resonable do appoint Edward Booker and Samuel Cobbs Gent. to consult with the Gent. of Henrico Court what measures they think proper to be taken

Ordered that the Court be adjourn'd to the Second fryday in Decemb. next

Edward Booker

[p.5] *At a Court held in Amelia County for laying the County levey Nov [18] 1735*

Prest. Edward Booker Charles Irby Abraham Green & James Clarke Gent. Justices

Samuel Cobbs Clerk of this County		1040
John Burton Sheriff		1040
Cornelius Glancey for Guarding a prisoner 2 days		30
John Suddock 15 and John Ferguson 15		30
Robert Forguson 30 Thomas Hodg. 15		45
Stephen Dewey		832
John Clay Constable		161
John Bentley Constable		280
Robt. Bolling Gent. for runing the line between Prince George & this County		1196
Col. Benja. Harrison		150
the Sheriff for maintaining a prisoner		120
The Secretary		408
Richd. Jones for 2 old Wolfs	320	
Robert Coleman for 1 Do. Jno. Wallis for 1 Do.	320	
William Reives 1 Do. 160 Willam Batt 1 Do.	320	
Thomas Ruttledge 1 Do. Charles Irby 1 Do.	320	
William [*Motes*] 5 Young Wolfs	400	1680
The Sheriff for Collecting 9408 at 4 PtCt [%]		376
for the use of the County		2020
		9408
Cr. By 588 Tithables at 16 Pt poll is	9408	

John Burton Sher. Gent. haveing given bond / Henry Anderson and Thomas Tabb Securts. / for the Colection of this County It is ordered that Each Tithable person pay the above quantity of 16 pounds of Tobacco.

Edward Booker

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Millers *vs.* Blanton's Exor & Others — Bill & Exhibits
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Editor's Note: This Chancery Suit has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.

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To the Honorable Daniel A. Wilson Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of law & Chancery of Cumberland County. Shew unto your Honor your Orators ~~and Oratrix.~~ William Miller and Thomas Miller and your Oratrix Virginia Miller children of William A Miller deceased and your Orators Anderson Miller and Armstead Miller. the last of whom being an infant under the age of 21 years sues by John W Haskins his next friend; That on on the 26th day of September in the year 1831, a certain Dabney Miller of the County of Amelia, departed this life, seized and possessed of a considerable estate both real and personal. leaving at the time of his death issue of his marriages. that by his first marriage the said Dabney left four children. to wit 1st William A Miller. who has since departed this life intestate. leaving as his heirs at law his three children to wit your Orators William & Thomas and your Oratrix Virginia Miller — 2nd Ryland Miller — 3rd — Sally who intermarried with Clemants Crute [Cruto/Cruti?] & 4th Elizabeth who intermarried with Charles Womack. both of whom are since dead leaving three children as their heirs at law. to wit. Virginia , Judith and ~~Nathan Martha~~ Nathan Womack. the first of whom hath intermarried with John E. Crowder and the two last are infants of tender years. that by his second marriage the said Dabney Miller left six children. to wit 1st Dabney P. Miller. 2nd Mary B. Miller. 3rd Martha M. Miller — 4th Charlton Miller. + 5th & 6th your Orators Anderson and [Armstead Miller — that Polly Miller the second] [a] wife of the said Dabney Miller survived her husband and died on the 23rd April 1833. that the said Mary B. Miller

[a] *It appears that a section from page 1 has been removed and that a line of page 3 was microfilmed through the hole in page 1, as the following text appears on that page in this position:* "December 1823. that after the qualific." *The bracketed words in the text are written above the hole in page 1.*

departed this life on the 10th day of April 1833, under age, intestate ~~and~~ unmarried and without issue. & your Orators are advised that her real estate descended to her brothers & sisters including both the whole and half blood. and her personal estate passed to her brothers and sisters of the whole blood. and as the wife of her father the said Dabney Miller deceased, which is more particularly hereinafter referred to. that the said Dabney P. Miller being then more than twenty one years of age departed this life in April 1835. having first duly published his last will and testament. which was duly proved and admitted to record by the County of Amelia. by which he devised the whole of his estate. both real and personal after the payment of his debts to his wife for her life. and at her death to his brothers and sister of the whole blood, to wit. Anderson, Charlton and Armistead & Martha Miller and their heirs forever. ~~And the wife of the said Dabney~~

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that A. B. Walthall, the exor therein named, took upon himself the burden of the execution of said will. all which will more fully appear by reference to an office copy of the said will with the certificate of the probate thereof. herewith filed marked B and prayed to be taken as part of this Bill — that the wife of the said Dabney P. Miller has since departed this life — that the said Charlton Miller who was born on the 15th day of February 1821 departed this life on the 25th of April 1840 being at the time of his death more than eighteen and less than 21 years of age. and after his death a paper purporting to be his last will and testament was exhibited for probate. in the County Court of Powhatan which the said Court refused to admit to record as a will of real estate but admitted the same to record as a will of personalty — that the exor therein named having renounced. Administration with the will an=nexed was granted to Thomas Wily. all which will appear more fully by reference to an office copy of the said will with the certificate of the probate thereof herewith filed marked C. as part of this Bill —

Your Orators are advised that the will of the said Charlton Miller is not sufficient to pass the personal estate devised to him under the will of his father the said Dabney Miller deceased, but that such personal estate is controled by the latter will — that the said Martha M. Miller intermarried with Edward P. Haskins and departed this life [*illegible - scratched through*] [b] leaving two children to wit. John D. Haskins and Martha V. Haskins. both

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[b] *Page 2 is obviously written on the reverse of page 1. This is the location of the cut out line referred to on page 1.*

of whom are infants of tender years. and the said Edward P. Haskins departed this life intestate on the 6th day of September 1842

Your Orators and Oratrix further represent. that after the death of the said Dabney Miller a paper purporting to be his last will and testament was exhibited for probate in the County Court of Amelia. whereupon such proceedings were had. that the said Court in obedience to the order of the Circuit Superior Court of law & Chancery of Amelia County. did on the 27th day of September 1832. admit the said paper to record as a will of personal estate. but refused to admit the same to record as a will of real estate. ~~all which will~~ and one of the executors therein named having refused to qualify and the other being a minor the estate was by the said County Court of Amelia. committed to the hands of John Webster Sherriff of the said County as the admor with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller deceased — as will more fully appear by

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reference to an office copy of the said will and the several orders of Court touching the same all which are herewith filed Marked A and prayed to be taken as part of this Bill. that by his said will, the said Dabney Miller after enumerating sundry specific legacies to the children of his first marriage. directs all the balance of his estate both real & personal to be kept together during the life of his second wife for her support and for the education and support of her children. and at her death the land given for the support of herself and her children to be sold and the proceeds arising from such sale, as well as all his other property not already specifically devised or bequeathed. to be equally divided. between the above mentioned six children of his second marriage. but in case either of the said children should die before they should attain the age of 21 years or marry. then the share of the child or children so dying to pass to the surviving ~~brothers~~ brothers and sisters of the whole blood. the testator further bequeaths to such of his said children. as shall be under the age of sixteen years at the death of their mother. the sum of fifty dollars per annum from the time of her death untill they shall attain that age — that only two of the said children were under the age of 16 years at the death of their mother. to wit Charlton Miller who was born on the 15th Feby 1821 and your Orator Armistead Miller who was born on the 13th December 1823. that after the qualification c of the said John Webster Sheriff of Amelia. As the Admr with the will annexed of the said

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Dabney Miller deceased. his letters of Administration were revoked by the County Court of Amelia on the 22nd day of September 1836 at the instance [*insistence ?*] of a certain Willis Blanton who thereupon qualified in said Court. as the Admr *de bonis non* with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller decd and entered into bond with Edward Green & Jarrett A Jeter as his securities in the penalty of $25,000 conditioned as the law directs for his faithful administration of the said ~~Court~~ estate as will more fully appear by reference to an office copy of the orders of said Court herewith filed as part of this Bill. that money and effects of the said Dabney Miller deceased. to a large amount, came into the hands of the said John Webster and the said Willis Blanton in their character of representatives of the said estate. which they wholly neglected and failed to pay or deliver to the parties entitled. that the said John Webster as well as the said

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Willis Blanton have both departed this life. that the said John Webster died intestate and ~~administration of~~ his estate has been ~~granted~~ committed to Henry P. Eames [*?*] Sheriff of Amelia County as his Admr. according to law and the said Willis Blanton left a will of which James Blanton ~~the son~~ therein named as such hath qualified as the exor according to law. that both the said admr. of the said John Webster deceased and the said Exor of the sd Willis Blanton decd have in their hands. money and effects of the said Dabney Miller deceased. which they ought of right to pay & deliver over to the parties entitled. that the said Willis Blanton also qualified as the guardian of your Orators Anderson & Armistead Miller and also of their brother Charlton Miller deceased and continued to act as the guardian of your Orator Anderson Miller untill he became of full age. and of your Orator Armistead Miller untill the time of his [*inserted* Blanton's] death. that the said Willis Blanton at the time of his death had in his hands money and effects belonging to his wards. and that his Exor the said James Blanton hath since his death failed and neglected to settle the accounts of his testator as guardian aforesaid or to pay or deliver over the effects which came into his hands belonging to the wards of his said testator. that since the death of the said Willis Blanton to wit on the 26th May 1842. the unadministered estate of the said Dabney Miller was by the County Court of Amelia committed to the hands of Austin Seay Sheriff of Amelia County who now has in his hands money and effects of the said Dabney Miller. which ought to be distributed among those entitled thereto under the will of the said Dabney Miller deceased. ~~And the said~~ Your Orators and Oratrix further represent, that the said Dabney Miller having departed this life intestate as

to his real estate a suit was instituted in the County Court of Amelia. to which the said widow as well as all the heirs at law of the said Dabney were parties, in which such proceedings were had, that by the decree of the said County Court pronounced on the February Term 1833. it was ordered & decreed the lands of which the said Dabney Miller died seized and possessed in the said County. should be divided by Commissioners therein named who were directed to ~~allot~~ assign one third part thereof to the said widow, for her dower and the balance to divide into ten equal parts and to allott one part to each of the heirs named in the said [*illegible word*]. and afterwards to wit at the December Term of the said

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County Court. it was further ordered and decreed, that the said lands should be sold. by Commissioners who were appointed for that purpose in pursuance whereof the said commisioners did proceed to sell the said land with the exception of the lot allotted to the heirs of Elizabeth Womack and to make report thereof to the said Court, which report and sale was confirmed by the said Court. all which will more fully appear by reference to the several orders of Court as well as the report of the said Commissioners here with filed & prayed to be taken as part of this Bill. that a large portion of the proceeds arising from the said sale. came unto the hands of the said Willis Blanton during his life time. as the guardian of your Orators Anderson Miller and Armistead Miller and of their brother Charlton Miller deceased. and that the said Willis Blanton during his life time and the said James Blanton his Exor since his death have wholly neglected and refused to pay or deliver any part thereof to the parties entitled thereto. To the End therefore. that the said H. P. Eames Shff of Amelia and Admr of John Webster deceased. who was formerly Sheriff of Amelia and Admr with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller decd. the said James Blanton Exor of Willis Blanton deceased. Who was Admr. *de bonis non* with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller and guardian of the said Anderson, Charlton & Armistead Miller. the said Jarrett Jeter and Edward Green securities of the said Willis Blanton. the said Austin Seay formerly Sheriff of Amelia and Admr *de bonis non* with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller dec^{d}. the said Ryland Miller. the said Clemants Crute [*Cruto/Cruti ?*] and Sally his wife. the said John E Crowder and Virginia his wife formerly Virginia Womack. the said Judith & Nathan Womack. the said Alexander B. Walthall Exor of Dabney P. Miller deceased. the said John D. Haskins

and Martha V. Haskins. the said Thomas Wily Admr with the will annexed of the said Charlton Miller dec^{d}.

Ed. P. Haskins dec^{d}

may be made defendants to this Bill and required to answer its allegations on oath. that an account may be taken before one of the Commissioners of this Court of the administration of the [*illegible word*] John Webster deceased, upon the estate of Dabney Miller dec^{d}. that an account may also be taken of the transactions of Willis Blanton deceased as the Admr *de bonis non* with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller dec^{d}. and that the said James Blanton the Exor of the said Willis out of the assets of his testator and the said Jarrett A Jeter and Edward Green the securities of the

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said Willis. out of their own proper goods. may be decreed to pay whatever balance may be found due upon the settlement of the accounts of the said Willis Blanton's administration of the estate of the said Dabney Miller dec^{d}. that an account may also be taken of the transactions of the said Willis Blanton as the guardian of the said Anderson [*illegible scratch through*] and Armistead Miller, as well as of the said Charlton Miller deceased. that an account be also taken of the transactions of the said Austin Seay Sheriff of Amelia. as the Admr. *de bonis non* with the will annexed of the said Dabney Miller deceased and that he be compelled to pay and deliver over to those entitled any money or effects in his hands belonging to the said estate. that the estate both real and personal of the said Dabney Miller deceased and also of the said Dabney P. Miller Mary B. Miller and Charlton Miller deceased. may be distributed among those entitled. according to their respective rights. May it please the Court to award all such full and ample relief as your Orators may be entitled to in the premises. & all proper processes.

Haskins P.J.

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Will of James Gunn — 1807

Submitted by Douglas P. Fisher, transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.

Jul~~y~~ne Court 1807 344

In the name of God Amen I James Gunn senr of Nottoway County, being weak of body, but sound in mind & Memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, in manner and form following *Vizt* first I give and bequeath to my son Spencer Gunn all my land lying on whiteoak creek in the County of Dinwiddie, including the one half of the water Grist Mill with the appurtenances thereof, containing by estimation five hundred acres, be the same more or less & I also give the said Spencer Gunn the following negroes *Vizt* Kitt, Molly and Daniel to him and his heirs forever. —— Item I give and bequeath to my son Griffin Gunn the following negroes, land & to wit, Peter, Amey, Little David & Job, Citty and her child Aaron, and Aggy & tyheir Increase, also one hundred acres of land, whereon my son Elisha Gunn formerly lived, known by the name of Maye's old place, to be made up one hundred acres of my own old tract, added thereto, with a straight line made from Mill's line, to Jordan's line branch, the line to be directed by any two or three good freeholders, and also my still to him and his heirs forever,

Item I lend to my daughter Polly Bradshaw, the following negroes to wit, Betty and Zelph, and at her death, I give what I have lent to her, and their increase, to her children equally and their heirs forever. ——— Item I give to my grandson Gabriel Garner Gunn Bradshaw one negro boy named Nelson to him and his heirs forever ——— Item I and bequeath [*sic*] to my daughter Henrietta Thweatt, all the negroes she has in her possession of mine, and also Joe, Sally, & Jane & their increase, and also give her three fourths of the tract of land I now live on, except that part, that I have given to my son Griffen Gunn, agreeable to quantity and quality to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Elisha Gunn twenty shillings and all of mine, that he has in possession, to him and his heirs forever ——— Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Edith Vaughan, twenty shillings, and all of mine that she has in possession to her and her heirs forever ———

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jamima Williams all of mine, she has in her possession, and also, One negroe Boy named Partrick to her, and her heirs forever, Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Caty Zachery, twenty shillings, and all that she has of mine in her possession, to her & her heirs forever ————

June Court [*345*]

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Gunn, all of mine, he has in possession to him and his heirs forever ——— Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Wilks Twenty shillings, and all that she has of mine in her possession, to her and her heirs forever ——— Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Salley Wilks all of mine she has in her possession, & also, I give her one negroe girl named Pamelia, and her increase, to her & her heirs forever ——— Item I give and bequeath to my son William Gunn Twenty shillings, and all of mine, that he has in his possession, to him and his heirs forever ——— Item I giive and bequeath to my son Gabriel Gunn all my land in the fork of Nottoway, and one fourth part of the tract of Land, I now live on, except, that part that I have given to my son Griffln Gunn, agreeable to quantity and quality, and also the following negroes to wit: Johnston; Thomson; Creasey; Henry; David; Sarah; Cola and Patience; and every part ofmy estate, that is not mentioned in the Will, I also give unto my son Gabriel Gunn, to him and his heirs forever ——— Item I give and bequeath to my sons Griffin and Gabriel Gunn, & my Daughter Henrietta Thweatt. Equally among them the whole of my stock of every kind, the Household and Kitchen furniture of every sort and kind. Plantation utensels of every sort and kind, and also the whole of my Crop of every sort and kind, to enable them to pay my Just debts, which I hereby require of them by this Will to do. I also give them equally all my outstanding debts, either by Bond or open account to them and their heirs forever ——— Lastly My Will and desire is that there be no appraisement, on my estate, I also appoint and nominate my sons Griffin Gunn and Gabriel Gunn, an my son in Law Ephram Thweatt Executors of this my last

Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal this third day of April One Thousand Eight hundred & seven

Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged James Gunn Senr {Seal}
in the presence of
Thomas Whitehall
Crawford Hughes
Truman Jordan Sen.

This will is submitted by Mr. Douglas P. Fisher of Petersburg, VA. It is the will of his 4th Gr. grandfather. The transcription is made from a photocopy from Nottoway County Will Book II, pp 344 - 345.

Out-of-State References

The following two short items have been submitted by out-of-state subscribers who ran across references to Southside Virginia during their research.

Willea Atkinson of Chagrin Falls, OH, found the following in a Fulton County Genealogical Society Publication, *Fulton County, Kentucky, Cemetery Readings — Volume 5* (PO BOX 31, Fulton, KY 42041). She states that the following headstone appears in the Yellow Fever Section of Hickam, KY Cemetery at the east edge of town off Dresden Road.

Nancy Freeman, Dec. 10, 1812 - Oct. 13, 1889
In memory of
"Mammy" Nancy Vaughan Freeman and Children
Will-Van-Cy-Em & Creasy
Born near Halifax Courthouse, Va. 1812
Slaves of W. Vaughan Freeman.
She and family were loyal to their "White Folks."
Were loved and honored by all.
Erected by Allie & Syd Dodds, last of their "White Folks." 1939

Mrs. C. M. Freudendorf of Monroe, LA, located the following on p. 7 of *Marriage and Death Notices, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and Environs, 1843-1871*, (1992) compiled by Juanita Davis Cawthon, 844 Acklen St., Shreveport, LA 71104.

Nov. 15, 1854 — Died on the 2d inst., at his plantation on Red River, Capt. Wm. A. Powell, aged 63 years, a native of Amelia County, Virginia.

We wish to thank these submitters, and encourage others who run across misplaced Southsiders to forward the references to us for future publication.

Land Grant to John Gilliott

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Robert S. Garnett, Richmond, Virginia

Subject: Land Grant to John Gilliott.

Location: Virginia Land Office, Richmond, Virginia.

Date: 1657.

Owners: Virginia Land Office.

Description: "To all &c whereas &c now know ye that I the said Samuel Matthews Esq. give and grant unto John Gilliott Six hundred acres of Land on the South side of Rappahannock River opposite to the lower part of Nancemond Town bounded on the North West by Bests Creek, on the South East with another creek called Cedar Creek, North East upon the River 288 poles, and South West into the woods 330 poles, the said Land being due unto the said John Gilliott by and for the Transportation of Twelve Persons into the Colony &c To Have & To Hold &c yeilding and paying &c which payment &c dated 21st April 1657."

The above grant was renewed August 18, 1662 in Mr. Thomas Buttons name intermarrying the Relict of John Gilliott.

Test: Fra: Kirkman

Sources of Information:

Virginia Land Office, Richmond, Virginia

Grants - Book 4

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In Search of James Read: Pioneer and Patriot?

by William H Reid, Jr.

Editor's Note: This material is published not only for its genealogical and historical information but also as an example of how to organize and conduct genealogical research. Mr. Reid took what little information he had on his ancestor, formulated a hypothesis, and then set out to prove or disprove his theory.

The first I heard of James Read was when I received a family genealogical group sheet, listing James and his family, from a distant cousin in Texas. Most of the form had not been completed. James was shown to have died in 1778 in Prince Edward County, Virginia, to have been born in Scotland or Ireland, and to have had six sons. Other than the names of his sons, Moses, Samuel, Joseph, John, Robert, and James, and references to the wills of James senior and sons Samuel and John, there was little else. I knew, from talking with my relative, that I was a direct descendant of Moses, the son of James senior. My cousin had also told me that Moses and possibly some of his brothers had moved to Butler County, Kentucky and that, two generations later, after the Civil War, my part of the Read family had moved to Wise County, Texas. Somewhere between Virginia and Texas the spelling of the name for my branch of the family had changed to Reid. This had happened, according to family lore, when two Read brothers had become angry with one another and one had changed the spelling of his last name. I was surprised to find that I had an ancestor who had lived in Virginia prior to the Revolution, since I had only known about the generations who had lived in Texas, and I resolved to learn more about James and his family.

Starting with what I knew, I began my search for information by obtaining copies of the wills mentioned in the group sheet sent to me by my cousin. The officials at the Prince Edward County Clerk's office very kindly agreed to copy the wills and probate inventories I needed. I found out later that the records I needed are also located on microfilm at the Virginia State Library in Richmond. Received in about a month, these documents confirmed the details of the genealogical group sheet. [a]

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[a] Prince Edward County Wills: *Book 1*, pp. 59, 60, 207

While waiting for the documents from the county clerk, I visited the Virginiana Room of the Fairfax County Public Library to learn more about the early days of Prince Edward County. I located a county history, some articles written about events and people in the county, and a list of cemeteries. Among the articles was one about a Scotch-Irish settlement in the vicinity of Buffalo Creek in the western part of Prince Edward County. [b] Since I knew that James was probably Scotch-Irish, perhaps he might have had some link with this settlement. I decided to look further.

Although the Scotch-Irish settlements in the Shenandoah Valley are the best known, there were others in Virginia, in the piedmont east of the Blue Ridge. The Buffalo (also spelled Buffaloe) Settlement, established on Buffalo Creek in what was, at time of settlement, Amelia County and later became Prince Edward County, was one of these. According to Foote, this settlement, as well as another on Cub Creek in Charlotte County, was established by John Caldwell [c] who was an elder in the Presbyterian congregation at Chestnut Level in Pennsylvania and a native of Ulster. [d] Most of the group which made up the settlement had immigrated to Pennsylvania from Ulster in 1726. [e] As a prelude to settlement in Virginia, the Philadelphia Synod of the Presbyterian Church, at the encouragement of Caldwell, forwarded a petition to Governor Gooch of Virginia advising him that "a considerable number of our brethren ... are mediating a settlement in the remote parts of your Government" and asking his "favor in allowing them the liberty of their consciences, and of worshipping God in a way agreeable to the principles of their Education." [f] Gooch granted the petition on the condition that the settlers obey the rules prescribed by the Act of Toleration "and behave themselves peaceably toward the government." [g] Perhaps James Read was a member of this group of Scotch-Irish pioneers and religious dissenters who had left Northern Ireland, settled initially in Pennsylvania, and eventually established a settlement in the Virginia piedmont.

In studying a list of cemeteries in Prince Edward County [h] I found that only one cemetery had been established before James' death. This was the Buffalo Cemetery, founded circa 1762. Perhaps this cemetery was associated with the early Scotch-Irish settlement in the county and James and some of his family

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[b] Joseph D. Eggleston, "The Buffaloe Settlement and its Makers," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, (1941) 49: 234-243.

[c] William Henry Foote, *Sketches of Virginia, Historical and Biographical* (first Series). (Richmond: John Knox Press, 1966 [1850]) 102.

[d] Eggleston, 234-235.

[e] Richard R. Beeman, *The Evolution of the Southern Backcountry: A Case Study of Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1746-1832* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. 1984) 56.

[f] Foote, 104.

[g] Foote, 105.

[h] Anne M. Hogg and Dennis A. Tosh, ed. *Virginia Cemeteries: A Guide to Resources* (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia. 1979)

were buried here. If so, and there were tombstones, there could be information on birth date and place, wife's name, etc. I decided to visit the cemetery.

Prince Edward County is located in the Virginia Southside, southwest of Richmond, one county north of the North Carolina border. Here numerous small rivers and streams intersect the gently rolling piedmont and dense forests of pine, oak, and hickory still cover the hillsides and bottomlands. The soil, which varies from a red clay in some parts to a gray, sandy mixture in others, is generally well drained. The principal commercial activities appear to be farming, logging, and small retail establishments. It was formed in 1754 from the western portion of Amelia County.

Buffalo Cemetery is adjacent to Buffalo Presbyterian Church, on a dirt road in the western part of the county. This must have been the church which served as a focal point of the early Scotch-Irish community. The area around the church is decidedly rural. If James had lived near here, he would have little difficulty in finding his way around today. Even the blacktop roads appear to be little more than hard surfaced wagon roads, barely wide enough for two cars to pass one another. The church, a large plain-looking white wooden frame building, sits on a small knoll, with a grove of large trees on one side and the cemetery on the other. Surrounding the church, grove, and cemetery is a dense forest, mostly oak and pine — no people, no cars — very quiet.

The oldest markers in the cemetery dated to the early 1800's. There was no James Read. I found later that, although the church had been founded in 1739, it had not been in its present location until after 1800. [i] A historical marker near the church, however, did provide the following information:

Buffalo Presbyterian Church
1739
Founded by Scotch-Irish Pioneers. Among pastors Richard Sankey 1759-60, Mathew Lyle 1793-1827, and Isaac Cochran 1831-73. Initiated petition for Religious Liberty 1776. "Except the Lord Build the House, They Labor in Vain
that Build it" Psalm 127:1

The information that I received from my cousin indicated that James was born in Scotland or Ireland, family lore said that we were Scotch-Irish, and James' will and probate placed him in Prince Edward County in 1778. Was he a member of the Buffalo Presbyterian Church? It seemed likely that if he were among the earliest settlers in this Scotch-Irish community, he would have been a church member of the community church. Had he signed the "Petition for Religious Liberty" in 1776? James Read, my great-great-great-great-great

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[i] Herbert C. Bradshaw, *History of Prince Edward County, Virginia* (Richmond: The Dietz Press, 1955) 839.

grandfather, — pioneer and patriot? On the drive back from my visit to Buffalo Cemetery my goal became clear — to determine if James had been one of the early Scotch-Irish pioneers in Prince Edward County and, if so, to learn more about the Scotch-Irish and how they came to settle in the area around Buffalo Church, and, finally, to learn what I could about the "Petition for Religious Liberty" and whether James had a part in it.

Obvious sources for confirming James' presence among the early settlers of the Buffalo Settlement would include church minutes, land deeds, processioning records, lists of tithables, wills and probates, and other court records. The Minutes of the Buffalo Presbyterian Church congregation for the period prior to 1804, which would have recorded marriages, births and deaths in the Buffalo Settlement, no longer exist. [j] I did, however, find a list of tithables for Prince Edward County, taken in June 1755. [k] Tithables were those males sixteen years of age or older and "all Negro, mulatto, and Indian women" [l] who were, therefore, considered income-producing and thus liable for a poll tax or tithe. On the portion of the list titled, "From Buffalo to the County Line," Robert Read is listed and further on James and John Reed are listed together, as if in the same household. Francis Reed is the only other with the same surname listed among the residents of the county. It seems likely, then, that James and his family were living in the county by 1755, and, if the list proceeds from Buffalo (probably the creek) to the county line as indicated, their position on the list places them in the Buffalo Settlement.

A trip to the Virginia State Archives at Richmond, to research land deeds registered in Prince Edward County, turned up a number of transactions involving James' sons. [m] The earliest was a purchase of 350 acres by John and Samuel Read in 1761. The property descriptions for most of the transactions confirm that the brothers' landholdings were adjacent to each other and that they lived along Spring Creek, a tributary of Buffalo Creek, which flows within one hundred yards of the present location of Buffalo Presbyterian Church. The property description for the sale of 60 acres of land in 1792 by William Scott to Joseph and Moses Read, sons of James, illustrates how the deeds indicated where one lived in relation to another (*note underlining*). The purchase was described as ...part of a tract of land that Benjamin Franklin now lives upon sixty acres more or less adjoining Benjamin Moore's line, thence along his line to <u>Joseph Read's</u> line, thence to <u>Moses Read's</u> line, thence along his line to <u>Joseph Read's</u> line, thence along his line to John Hill's line, thence

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[j] Eggleston, 237.

[k] Thomas Scott, "A List of Tithables Between Bush and Buffalo Rivers." *Tylers Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (1936) [1755]: 50-54.

[l] Edmond S. Morgan, *American Slavery, American Freedom* (New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 1975) 401.

[m] Prince Edward County Deeds, *Books 1 - 10*, 1754-1916.

along his line to a corner upon a new line, thence along the new line to the said Moore's line at the beginning on a branch of Spring Creek ...(*underlining by this author*) [n]

Although there was no record of land purchase or sale by James Read, his 1778 will indicates that he also owned land. He left to his

> "Well-beloved Moses...the place I now live on, with all yee appurtances and Benefits thereto Belonging, houses(,) Orchards, Middows, Clear Land, woods with Every other Benefite thereto Belonging, also all My horses, Cows, hogs, Sheep, also Every Implement or tulls for Labour... [o]

The property described above is most likely the same mentioned in the 1792 description of the transaction involving Joseph and Moses, by then belonging to Moses. It seems clear from the deeds, then, that James and his sons lived and owned land in the Buffalo Settlement at least by 1761. The lack of documentation for land purchase by James in the Prince Edward County records also suggests that he may have been among the earliest settlers in the community. The Buffalo Settlement was established by 1739, when this portion of the Virginia backcountry was still part of Amelia County. Record of land purchase by James may be in the early Amelia County records.

More evidence linking James and his family to the group of early Scotch-Irish settlers at Buffalo comes from the wills of John and Samuel Read who died within a month of each other in June 1763. Both wills appear to have been written by, and are witnessed by, Rich Sankey. Is this the same man who, as indicated earlier, was minister at the Buffalo Presbyterian Church around this time? Although the historical marker states that Sankey was minister in 1759-60, Bradshaw indicates that he served until sometime afterward. [p] I believe that Richard Sankey the minister and Rich Sankey the writer and witness to John and Samuel's wills are the same man. It would be entirely appropriate for a minister to be at the bedside of a sick member of his congregation and to transcribe the "last will and testament" of one less literate and perhaps too ill to write. It appears likely that James Read and his family were among the early members in the Scotch-Irish community of Buffalo. Who, then, were the Scotch-Irish and how did they come to settle in the backcountry of colonial Virginia?

The founders of the Buffaloe settlement were descendants of people who emigrated from the Lowlands of Scotland to the six Ulster counties of Northern

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[n] Prince Edward County Deeds, *Book 9, 1754-1916*, 146.

[o] Prince Edward County Wills, *Book 1*, 207.

[p] Bradshaw, 76.

Ireland in the seventeenth century.[q r s] The movement to Ulster was encouraged by the English monarch, James I, who saw these protestant Lowland Scots as a tool for keeping the recently conquered native Irish Catholic population in check, a role which was similar to that assigned to the descendants of these people on the colonial American frontier. Further, as a result of the English conquest of Northern Ireland at the beginning of the century, much of the native population had been killed and large areas of the region had become sparsely populated. Responding to the prospect of lower rents made possible by these conditions, Scots, as well as some Englishmen, settled in Ulster throughout the seventeenth century. The Reverend Robert Blair, writing in 1663, provides an insight into the motivation of these people:

> The parts of Scotland nearest to Ireland sent over abundance of people and cattle that filled the counties of Ulster that lay next to the sea; and albeit amongst these, Divine Providence sent over some worthy persons for birth, education and parts, yet the most part were such as either poverty, scandalous lives, or at the best, adventurous seeking of better accommodation, set forward that way... [t]

Emigrants left Scotland, especially the areas of Strathclyde and Galloway in the southwest, for Ulster in large numbers throughout the century, [u] although there were three distinct surges: the original Plantation by James I early in the century, after the Cromwellian rebellion in the middle of the century, and the largest under William III between 1690 and 1697. [v] Despite this, however, Scots never constituted a majority of the population of the region. [w] Out of a total Ulster population of 600,000 in 1715, the Scots (counted as Presbyterians) numbered only about a third, while Anglicans and Catholics each formed a third. [x]

Also contributing to the immigration of Scots into Ulster were conditions in Scotland. Feudalism still prevailed, agricultural yields were marginal, and most of the population had no prospect for raising themselves out of abject poverty. [y z] Leyburn writes that

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[q] R. J. Dickson, *Ulster Emigration to Colonial America* (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1966)

[r] Eggleston

[s] Henry Jones Ford, *The Scotch-Irish in America* (Hamden, CN: Archon Books, 1966 [1915])

[t] Ford, 103.

[u] Rodger Cunningham, *Apples on the Flood: The Southern Mountain Experience* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1987) 69.

[v] William C. Lehmann, *Scottish and Scotch-Irish Contributions to Early American Life and Culture* (Port Washington, NY: Kennikat Press, 1978) 36-37.

[w] Lehmann, 36.

[x] Dickson, 3.

[y] Cunningham, 68.

> "[*T*]he Scotland from which the exodus began in 1610 was one of the poorest and most backward of European countries. Poverty-stricken, generally lawless, still lingering in the Middle Ages in the seventeenth century (and even into the eighteenth), with agricultural methods hardly better than primitive, there was every reason why an ambitious Scot would look elsewhere for improvement of his lot." [aa]

The prospect of relative prosperity in Ulster and contrasting economic distress in Scotland, then, provided an important impetus for early migration. [bb]

In the latter part of the seventeenth century, religious issues in Scotland also became an important cause of migration. [cc] At issue was control over church affairs. When the English monarch sought to impose changes in the form of worship and religious hierarchy of the Presbyterian Church, violent conflict developed in Scotland between those who supported the changes and those who did not. Northern Ireland, where there were fewer attempts to impose these changes, became a haven for the opposition as well as for moderates who were caught between the two sides.

By the beginning of the eighteenth century, despite continuing sectarian violence between the Protestant Scots and their Irish Catholic neighbors in Ulster, many Scots had improved their economic condition as a result of emigration. This, however, was not to continue. [dd] [ee] As industries, particularly linen and woolen manufacture for export, developed in Ulster and began to compete with English products, the British Parliament enacted export restrictions which crippled them. The cost of land rents also rose to a point where farmers could not subsist. Tacksmen, or middlemen, who managed the land for absentee landlords, raised the rents as steeply as possible with the death of each successive tenant, forcing many to leave the land for growing urban areas. Additionally, in 1704, the Test Act was passed, requiring the reception of Anglican sacraments as a prerequisite for holding office. This had the effect of forcing Presbyterians from office or requiring them to take oaths contrary to their beliefs. Even marriages performed by Presbyterian ministers were declared invalid, an action "which immediately reduced most of the population of Ulster to legal bastardy." [ff] These actions, combined with a succession of

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[z] James G. Leyburn, *The Scotch-Irish: A Social History* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1962) 59-61.

[aa] Leyburn, xv.

[bb] Leyburn.

[cc] Russell M. Reid, "Church Membership, Consanguineous Marriage, and Migration in a Scotch-Irish Frontier Population." *Journal of Family History*, Vol. 13, No. 4, (1988) 402.

[dd] Cunningham, 75.

[ee] Lehmann, 37.

[ff] Cunningham, 76.

droughts in Ulster in the early eighteenth century, created the conditions which generated several waves of migration from Ulster to the American frontier.

Added to internal conditions in Ulster which encouraged emigration was the strong pull from America. [gg] [hh] Advertisements in local papers by shipping companies hoping to increase their profits from freight shipment to the colonies, as well as letters from earlier emigrants, painted a positive picture of conditions in America. An example from the *Belfast Newsletter* of June 3, 1766, advertising the sailing of the *Hopewell* from Londonderry to Nova Scotia serves as an example:

> It would swell the advertisement to(o) great a length to enumerate all the blessings those people enjoy who have already removed from this county to said province, it may suffice to say, that from tenants they are become landlords, from working for others they now work for themselves, and enjoy the fruits of their own industry. [ii]

Additionally, some colonies offered inducements such as free land and tax abatement. Free land was the greatest inducement of all. [jj]

The presbyterian areas of Ulster — counties Londonderry and Antrim, the east of county Donegal and the north of county Down — provided most of the Ulster-Scots or Scotch-Irish, as they came to be called in America, who immigrated to the American colonies. [kk] [ll] A series of surges in emigration been 1717 and 1775 brought Ulster-Scots to each of the American colonies. [mm] [nn] [oo] The earliest settlements, although small in number, were in New England, where they spread to the frontiers of western Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The majority, however, established themselves in southeastern Pennsylvania and in the Cumberland Valley. From here they spread west over the Alleghenies and south to the Great Valley of Virginia and beyond to the Carolinas and Georgia. After the Revolution, Ulster-Scots also made up a significant portion of the populations of West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. By 1790 the Scotch-Irish in

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[gg] Lehmann, 38.
[hh] Dickson, 16-18.
[ii] Dickson, 17.
[jj] Lehmann, 38.
[kk] Dickson, 4.
[ll] Alan Crozier, "The Scotch-Irish Influence on American English." *American Speech*, Vol. 59, No 4 (1984): 312.
[mm] Crozier, 312-315.
[nn] Dickson, 19-125.
[oo] Leyburn, 184-255.

America may have numbered as high as 280,000, almost ten percent of the white population. [pp]

Pennsylvania attracted the largest number of emigrants, among them those who eventually established the Buffalo settlement. Supporting this, Edmund Burke writes:

> In some years more people have transported themselves in Pennsylvania than into all the other settlements together; in 1729, 6208 persons came to settle here as passengers or servants, four-fifths at least of whom were from Ireland. [qq]

Entering through the Delaware River ports of Philadelphia, Lewes, Wilmington, and New Castle, these emigrants were drawn by the promise of cheap land and a policy of religious toleration. [rr] Passing through the eastern counties already settled by English Quakers and those to the west being settled by the Germans, the Scotch-Irish settled on the frontier in the western part of Chester county, in Lancaster county, and in the southern part of Dauphin county in the southeastern part of the state. [ss] Later emigrants settled in the Cumberland Valley counties of Cumberland and Franklin. These frontier settlements were welcomed by William Penn because they provided a buffer between the Indians and the more settled parts of the colony.

Not all Pennsylvanians, however, welcomed the Scotch-Irish. James Logan, secretary of the colony, wrote in 1724, expressing his anger against these "bold and indigent strangers, saying as their excuse, when challenged for (land) titles, that we had solicited for colonists and they had come accordingly." He also complained that they had settled uninvited on the 15,000-acre Conestoga Manor in an "audacious and disorderly manner," claiming lands which the Penn family had reserved for themselves. Their defense was that "it was against the law of God and nature that so much land should be idle while so many Christians wanted it to labor on and to raise their bread." [tt]

By the 1730's, however, land prices in Pennsylvania had risen considerably and cheaper land to the south in the backcountry of Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia began to appear more attractive. In Virginia, for example, speculators sold land in the Shenandoah Valley at the rate of £3 per one hundred acres,

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[pp] David N. Doyle, *Ireland, Irishmen, and Revolutionary America, 1760-1820* (Dublin: Mercier Press for the Cultural Relations Committee of Ireland, 1981) 73-74.

[qq] Dunaway, 47.

[rr] Roy McCaughey, "Settlement Patterns in the Susquehannah Region of Colonial Pennsylvania." *Ulster Folklife*, Vol. 36 (1990): 43-54.

[ss] Dunaway, 51.

[tt] Rouse, 35.

allowing purchasers to pay on time. [uu] This, coupled with continuing Indian raids on the Pennsylvania frontier and the prospect of warmer winters, encouraged many of those Scotch-Irish who had settled initially in Pennsylvania, as well as new arrivals from Ulster, to move southward. [vv] [ww] [xx] Those who founded the Buffalo settlement were from a group which had settled initially in southeastern Pennsylvania. [yy]

The road south for the Scotch-Irish lay along a route which was then known as the Monocacy Trace and later as the Great Wagon Road. [zz] [aaa] [bbb] Traveling in groups bound by ties of ethnicity, kin, and religion, [ccc] [ddd] [eee] the Scotch-Irish followed what was originally a series of Indian trails, beginning on the Susquehanna River, to the Monocacy River, then along the Monocacy to the Potomac River. Crossing the Potomac at the site of Williamsport, they continued along the path which extended the length of the Shenandoah Valley until it reached Roanoke Gap in the Blue Ridge mountains, establishing settlements along the way. From here many passed into the Virginia piedmont and then continued south into the Carolinas and Georgia. In the early years the road was only large enough for pack horses, but it was widened, in time, by traffic to be able to accommodate Conestoga wagons. The group of Scotch-Irish settlers which founded the Buffalo settlement must have followed this route.

Some of those who followed the Monocacy Trace to the Buffalo Settlement were among those who, on October 11, 1776, signed a petition supporting the work of the convention, assembled in Williamsburg in May 1776, which had established the Commonwealth of Virginia and drawn up a constitution. This petition [fff] indicated that the signers "heartily approve, and chearfully (*sic*) submit ourselves to the form of government adopted at your last session" and urged the House of Delegates to implement the last article of the Bill of Rights

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[uu] John Solomon Otto, *The Southern Frontiers, 1607-1860* (New York: Greenwood Press, 1989) 50.

[vv] Dunaway, 102-103.

[ww] Otto, 48.

[xx] Lewis Cecil Gray, *History of Agriculture in the Southern United States to 1860, Vol. 1.* (Washington: The Carnegie Institution, 1933) 121.

[yy] Eggleston

[zz] Leyburn, 219-220.

[aaa] Otto, 49.

[bbb] Rouse, 93-95.

[ccc] Foote.

[ddd] Warren R. Hofstra, "Land, Ethnicity, and Community at the Opequon Settlement, Virginia, 1730-1800." *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 98, No. 3 (1990).

[eee] Reid.

[fff] "Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Prince Edward County, October 11, 1776" *Virginia Historical Magazine*, Vol. 18 (1910): 41.

by "rais(ing) religious as well as civil Liberty to the Zenith of Glory, and make Virginia an Asylum for free inquiry, knowledge, and the virtuous of every Denomination." Further, they urged "That without Delay, you would pull down all Church Establishments (read the Anglican Church); abolish every Tax upon Conscience and private judgement; and leave each Individual to rise or sink according to his Merit, and the general Laws of the Land." The petition closed by asking

> "That our Honourable Legislature would blot out every vestige of British Tyranny and Bondage, and define accurately between civil and ecclesiastic authority; then leave our Lord Jesus Christ the Honour of being the sole Lawgiver and Governor in his Church; and every one in the Things of Religion to stand or fall to Him; he being in this respect the only rightful Master." [ggg]

Among the 161 signers were Richard Sankey, who may have written the document, [hhh] and James Read, Robert Read, and Joseph Read. Could these be the same James and his sons Robert and Joseph who are my ancestors? The evidence, although circumstantial, is strong. I believe that they are.

Where does one go from here? There are a number of other sources, not yet explored, which may shed light on James Read and his family. These include the early Amelia County records, Prince Edward County court records, Anglican Church parish records of processioning, and the later Buffalo Presbyterian Church Minutes. Presbyterian Church records may also be helpful in placing James as a member of a church congregation before Buffalo (Chestnut Level?). County records in Pennsylvania, if he settled there before moving on to Prince Edward County, may prove useful. There may also be some record of his journey from Ulster and arrival at one of the colonial ports. When these sources are exhausted, there is always Northern Ireland.

[ggg] "Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Prince Edward County," 41.

[hhh] Eggleston, 241.

Cemetery of St. Thomas Chapel (Episcopal)

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Researched performed by Nora A. Carter, Thaxton, Virginia, February 16, 1937

Subject: Cemetery of St. Thomas Chapel (Episcopal)

Location: In the rear of St. Thomas Chapel, .2 mile east of Bedford, Virginia on Route #460; thence 10.5 miles north on Route #122; cemetery on east side of road.

Date: 1842. Earliest date on markers.

Owners: Congregation of St. Thomas Chapel of the West Russell Parish.

Historical Significance:

Sacred to the Memory of
Rev. Nelson Sale
Born Apr. 19, 1799,
Died ....., 1859.
Rector of Heber and West Russell Parishes, who died in the consolation and faith that he preached. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth sayeth the spirit they may rest from their labors."
(His wife is buried beside him but there is no marker.)

Frances Isabella,
Daughter of
Jno. and Isabella Wharton,
Born Jan. 31, 1835
Died Dec. 23rd. 1842.

A spiral monument marks the graves of two sisters:
"The deceased were sisters, tenderly devoted to each other; adorned with every womanly and Christian virtue and endeared by their generous and noble qualities to a wide circle of kindred and friends."
"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death not divided."

On one side is the inscription:
Charlotte E.
Wife of J. B. Jeter, D.D.
Born Aug. 21, 1825
Died Aug. 19, 1861.
"If we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so they also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him"
I Thess. LV; 19

On the opposite side:
In memory of
Martha S.
Wife of Dr. Richard Sale
Born Mar. 10, 1807
Died Apr. 21, 1861

1st. Lieutenant
Hiram Burks,
Co. "G"
2nd. Va., Calvary.

Col. Jesse S. Burks,
Born Mar. 20, 1823
Died June 15, 1885.
"Until the day break and the shadows
flee away."

In Memory of
Mrs. Virginia V. Hicks,
who died
December 3rd. 1855
in the 31st. year of her age.

Sacred to the memory of
James H. Wilson
Born July 21, 1831,
Died Aug. 27, 1854.
"He is not dead but sleepeth."

The Burks family was very important in the country. Col. Jesse S. Burks, who lived at "Wyoming," was a Colonel in the War Between The States. Rev. Sale was a leading spirit in the establishment of the Episcopalian Church in Bedford County. He was rector of both Heber and West Russell Parishes in their initial days.

Sources of Information:
Inscriptions on tombstones.

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Early Surry County Legal Matters

Transcribed by Doris Y. Stone

Submitter's Note: This may have been the first Strike in America.

Whereas a Company of rude & disordrly psons to ye Number of ffoureteene did unlawfully Assemble on or about ye 4th day of xbr (*Dec.*) last at ye pish Church of Lawnes Creeke in yis County wth Intent to alter ye Late Levy, or not to pay ye Sume & yt they Expected divers others of theire Confederates to meete wth them, for yt it appeares by ye Confession of Mathew Swan, Jno. Barnes, Wm. Hancock, Robt. Lacy, Jno. Gregory, Tho: Cley, Michll: Upchurch, Jno: Sheppard, Wm. Tooke, Geo: Peters, Wm. Little, Jno: Greene & James Chissett yt they did meete att ye Time & place aforesd & for yt ye greatest pte of ye psons aforesd did this day also Riottously meete togeather in ye feild commonly called ye Divells feild, not withstanding some of them were advertised to ye Contrary: Wch we Conceive to be agst ye peace of or. Sovraigne Lord ye King, & ye quiett of this County: These are therefore in ye Kings Maties name to witt & reqre you to take into yr. Custody ye bodyes of ye Sevrall psons before Named, & them in Safe Custody to Keepe, untell they Enter into Bond wth Sufft:: Security for there appearance att ye Ware Neck on Tuesday ye 6th Instant att ye Cort there; there to be pceeded agst. according to Law & alsoe that they be of good behavior: & keep ye peace of or: sd Sovragne Lord ye King, & for soe doeing this shall be yr: warrt: Given undr: or: hands this

3d Janry 1673/4

To ye Sherff of ye sd County or his deputy:

Law Baker
Robt Spensor

Vera recordant

Teste Wm Edwards Cl Cur

Deeds & Wills 1671-1684 page 42, Surry County, Virginia

Mathew Swan being yis day brought before us ye Subscribed, & being asked why he & others mett at ye Church ye 12th Xber Last, he said it was to agree about redress from their taxes wch were heavey, he was asked how he Knew theire taxes were unreasonably laid; he said Mr. Mason told him, & alsoe Mr. Goreing said ye same, yt there were some Extraordinry taxes, he being demanded wt discourse be there if he did not goe from Home, ye said Swan hath alsoe very obstinately professed in ye Lawfullness of ye meeting, & said yt all or most of ye County were of his minde:

Deeds & Wills 1671-1684 page 42, Surry County, Virginia

Att a Court held at Southwarke for the County of Surry
July 5th:
Prest:
Mr. Benja: Harrison *Capt. Henry Tooker*
Capt. Robt. Randall *Capt. Thomas Swann*
Capt. Francis Clements

John Casse having caused Jno: Onion to be arrested Set Forth that the said Onion about five weekes since came to his house and indeavoured to Ravish his wife, and thereby hath very much hurt her breast by reason whereof shee hath ever Since & Still doth suffer great pains & Misery, and groeth every day worse rather than better, and is thereby unable to doe what belongs to her, to his great hinderance, and it is like to cost him Considerable to some Dockter before she recovers, which is to that an able Jury might be Impannelled to try the same and award such reparation as they shall see fitt, and a Jury being accordingly impannelled & Sworne vizt: Mr. John Thompson Mr. Geo. Williams, Mr. William Rose, Mr. John Clarke Mr. Allen Warren Mr. Will Nash Mr. James Kilpatrick Mr. Charles Digby Mr. Thomas Collier, Capt. Roger Potter, Mr. Robert Craford & Mr. Thomas Davis returne for Virdict wee finde for the defdt: upon the defedts. motion the Jurys Virdict is confirmed & the Suite dismist and the said Casse ordered to pay Costs at Exo:

Order Book 1691-1713 page 43, Surry County, Virginia

The Declaration of Mr. Thos. Warren taken this 2d Julye 1656 Saith That beinge at James Cittye in June last in Compy. wth. severall gentlemen Mr. Randall Holt of Hogg Island Comminge into the Compy. And Haveing at the qter. Courte obtained a Reversmt, of an order passed in or. Courte ffell into a discourse of the proceedings of Courte, of the difference of opinions & much more to that effect, And beinge aggravated by one Thomas sp. Thomas whoe made Complt of some passages betweene him & Capt. Sidway. This dept. dud Reprove the sd. Holt for speakinge some things too Largely of or. Comrs. The sd. Holt replyed that hee sd. nothinge to this dept. & asked whether hee were Turned Settinge dogge, And said ffurther that there was None but owles & asses, Knaves & Rogues of or. Commission, whereupon this dept. Called Wittnesses thereof & Left the Compy. & ffurther St. not,

Signed *Thomas Warren*

Deed Book 1652-1671 p. 87 Surry County, Virginia

there followed a petition from Randall Holt; begging forgiveness and denying portions of remarks

Old Binford House

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Research performed by E. Lewis Paulette, Pamplin, Virginia, [1937]

Subject: Old Binford House

Location: 5.2 Miles west of Pamplin, Virginia on Route #601: thence .5 miles east on private road.

Date: 1799

Owners:

James Roper prior to	1799	Owner of land
Joseph Binford	1799	Deed Book 11 page 425 Builder
John K. Binford	1801	Deed Book 12 page 156
F. D. Galding	1803	Deed Book 13 page 29
Coleman Ledbetter	1806	Deed Book 13 page 552
Alexander LeGrand	1807	Deed Book 14 page 104
John Tuggle	1816	Deed Book 16 page 69
Nathan Penick	1818	Deed Book 16 page 304
?? Wheeler	Dates of ownership, Wheeler, Wood and	
Baker Wood	Wood's heirs unknown, Court records of	
Backer [*sic*] Wood's heirs	Appomattox destroyed by fire.	
J. C. Coleman	1912 to present date [*1937*]	

Description: The weatherboarding out from virgin forest pine is still in a good state of preservation, cut in even widths and very plain. The timbers of the heavy type, sills, sleepers and studding are hand hewn. The shutters have all been removed and no one living can tell anything about them. Two dormer windows, these are situated on either side of the roof and opposite each other, built gabled. The porch is one story six by fourteen feet, supported by six squate columns. No one knows whether the original front door is the same as the one used today. This door is of heart pine, six panel and heavy, it is put together with wooden pegs, no side lights or transom. Two brick chimneys, one on each end of the house, are very wide at the base and are of home made bricks from native clay. The roof is covered with shingles. To get to the cellar, a door from the outside opens into one of the rooms. The floors were once covered with wide planks, they have rotted away, and only the dirt floor remains. The first floor can

be reached either from the front or back door. There are two rooms on the first floor, both of which are wainscoted with panels and chair rail around the top. Eighteen inch heart pine planks form the center a three inch plank extends around the rooms about two feet from the ceiling, the rest of the walls are plastered. Two mantels, one in each room are hand made and very plain. The stairway to the second floor is of the two flight open type. Three steps to the first landing which is about five feet long, then turns left, ten steps to the second floor. This is only a half story and contains two rooms. The stairway has a turned hand rail, balusters and square newel post.

Historical Significance:

Like many other settlers of early America, freedom of religion was the motive that prompted him to come to. [*sic*] Mr. Binford was born in Scotland in 1775 and when about twenty-one he came to Virginia and settled in Charles City County. Later on, in 1799 he moved to Prince Edward County, buying 100 acres of land on Vaughans Creek. He began building a home after purchasing the land from James Roper of Kentucky. When the house was completed something still lacked to make it a home, and that was a wife. In the early part of 1800 he married Susanne LeGrand. They were not contented here, for in September 1801 they sold this house to John K. Binford, and moved to a larger farm presented to them by Mrs. Binford's father. Here at this home Mr. Joseph Binford died in 1842. There are several of Joseph Binford's descendants living in Prince Edward County, and they have done much to shape the destiny of this county, especially along educational lines. After Mr. Nathan Penick bought this 100 acres, he evidently owned adjoining land as all records reveal trace of this land as far as the 100 acres go. Court Records in Appomattox County were destroyed by fire. Mr. Nathan Penick sold to a Mr. Wheeler, he sold to Backer Woods, and his heirs sold to J. C. Coleman in 1912. This property now contains over 200 acres.

Sources of Information:

Informants: Miss Elsie Carter, Joseph Binford, L. N. Ligon, W. A. Swan, all of Pamplin, Virginia.
Court Records, Clerk's Office, Prince Edward County, Farmville, Virginia.
Court Records of Appomattox County, destroyed by fire.

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THURMOND: Seek parents of the following brothers: William Thurmond b c1727, d 1810 in Wilkes Co, GA; James Thurmond d 1809 in Jackson Co, GA; and Absalom Thurmond b c1723, d 1801 in Wilkes Co, GA. From central and southside VA. **Mrs. C. M. Freudendorf, 3812 Woodside Dr., Monroe, LA 71201**.

LAMKIN: Richard Lamkin will probated 22 Jan 1810 Halifax Co; w/1 Martha ?_, seek her maiden name. Did Richard live in Charlotte Co before going to Halifax? Any help appreciated. Will exchange. **Mrs. I. D. Oakley, Apt. E2, 213 Village Green Dr., Hopkinsville, KY 42240**.

Exchange: **TATOM/TATAM/TATEM, WRIGHT, GODFREY, NICHOLS, FULLILOVE,** and **CURRIN**. **Mr. E. Lynn Tatom, 3105 Arden Way, Lithonia, GA 30058**.

EVANS, FORE: Seek info on Overton Evans who was b c1775, m Mary Jordan Fore 1830 in Charlotte Co. Ch: James, Nannie, Sarah Susan, John William, Martha and Barnett Tucker Evans. **Dinah Petree Evans, 315 Waterloo St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464**.

BAXTER, MALONE, WOOD, NORSWORTHY, PUGH, SAVAGE, FEREBEE, WHITMEL, HUNTER, BRYAN: Seek VA (Dinwiddie?) parents Warren Co, NC, Rev War Ens. Wood Malone, wife Bathsheba Baxter (2nd Wm. Noyal Norsworthy) served under Kinsman Capt (Rev) Bennett Wood. Seek VA parents 1730's Beatie Co, NC, Thomas Whitmel Sr, wife Elizabeth Hunter Bryan. **J.A.L. Miller, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328**.

POYTHRESS/POTHRESS/PORTRISS: Seek photocopies of family Bible entries (1) Containing Poythress, Pothress, Portriss & similar names. Please include photocopy of (2) Bible's publication date & location, (3) all written entries from same Bible. Will reimburse copy costs. **Barbara Poythress Neal, 747 Via De La Paz, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272-4367**.

DULEY, BOWLES: Seek parents of Ann Elizabeth Duley (1806-1893), who m Jesse Bowles (1806-1877) in Fluvanna Co on 21 Jan 1830. Was Jesse son of Benjamin and Frances (Strange) Bowles? **Irving M. Groves, III; 4809 Cole Ave., Ste. 145, Dallas, TX 75205.**

HENDRICKS: Zachariah Hendricks m Elizabeth Young (see *The Southside Virginian* Vol. III, No. 3, pg 172). Their ch: Obadiah, John, Elizabeth, William, Martha, Rebeccah, Elijah H. and James. Interested in info concerning James Hendricks' family. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

HILL: Seek info on Mary Hill, Chesterfield Co. In 1787 Rev John Goode m Mary Hill & John Spears; also John Hill and Ann Puckett. Were John and Mary related? John Hill, Sr. left strange will 1788 naming "Ann Puckett, my present wife" and five Puckett ch. Any explanations/clues? **Ellen S. Dorsey, 222 Parker Rd., Nacogdoches, TX 75961.**

LEE: Seek info on parents of John Lee (will Campbell Co, Will Bk 6, folio 392, 1 Sep 1818). John lived in Cumberland Co 1788 at time of marriage of dau Patty to John Arnold. Who was his wife? **Rosemary B. Dodd, 2 Oak Lane, SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061-3461.**

UPSHAW: Researching all persons named **UPSHAW** for over 20 years. Send your Upshaw Family Group Sheet and SASE for check of my files and I will return computer (PAF) Family Group Sheet of your Upshaw family. **Ted Brooke, 2055 Foster Dr., Cumming, GA 30130.**

JOHNSON: Seek desc/info on Laura Johnson b c1834 Amelia City; dau of John S. Hudson and Elizabeth M. Anderson. Laura m John Johnson 28 Aug 1855, had at least three ch. Sons: Charles N., Richard A. In Amelia Court House area on 1860 Census. **William S. Zdrojewski, 2153 Monument Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-9019.**

DURKEE, MOULTON, PEARL: Norfolk data wanted. Phineas Durkee (b Sep 1730, d Nov 1801) and wife Phoebe Pearl (1732-1802), lived in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Stephen Durkee of CT and his wife Lois Moulton (1706-1784), of Salem, MA. Capt Pearl Durkee's ship *The Chasseur*, 1794-1800, from Baltimore. **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, CA 92586.**

ADAMS, PIERSON: Seek parents with proof of Gabriel Adams, (will probated 1750 Fairfax Co) and wife Priscilla. Was Priscilla a Pierson, and related to Thomas Pierson who m Susan Bland, aunt of Theodorick of Stafford Co? Is this the family of book by E. J. Pearson published 1978? **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St., Sumter, SC 29150-4543.**

MANAKINTOWN, JONES CREEK: According to a 1751 map of Goochland Co, Manakintown lies south of the James River. Modern day maps show it to be north of the James River. Which is correct? Seek early settlers of Jones Creek which lies a few miles NW from Manakintown? **Blanche Tompkins, 360 W 20th St., San Bernardino, CA 92405.**

CASON: Seek maiden name of Elizabeth, wife of John Cason (c1740-1800) of Halifax Co, VA. To Laurens, SC 1785. Will correspond with descs of Halifax Casons. **Willea C. Atkinson, 185 Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.**

Wish to correspond with anyone researching the following surnames in 1700's-1800's in Buckingham, Campbell, Cumberland, Pr Ed cos: **PORTER, PRYOR, GANNAWAY, WOODSON, WALKER, WINSTON, GHOLSON**. **Paul Gilbert, 6304 Central Dr., Mukiteo, WA 98275.**

ROLFE/ROFFE: Maude Rolfe Simmons Kizer d 1947 Baskerville, VA. In her possession was an old, red, tattered family bible. Seek info as to where this bible is now. **William A. Rolfe, 2209 Persimmon Trek, Richmond, VA 23233-2724.**

GREEN, MOSELEY, CLAY: Did Amey b c1735, dau of William and Amey (Clay) Green of Amelia Co, become Mrs. Edward Moseley of Roanoke Cr. and river in Charlotte Co, as apparently implied on p. 220, Filson Club Pub. #14? **Warren Forsythe, Box 1299, Ellensburg, WA 98926.**

OWEN(S): Seek info Owen(s) family/related lines (**BRITTON, POUNDS**: free blacks 1870, **JAMES, VALENTINE, POOLE, THOMAS, SCOTT, HUNT, CHANEY**) from Staunton, Roanoke Dist., Birch Creek, Blackwalnut Dist., Mayho & Virgilina, Halifax Co VA-1780's to 1900's. The others were slaves on farm of Thomas E. Owens, son of John Owen. **Ernest L. Owen, Jr., PO Box 330504, Brooklyn, NY 11233-0504.**

WOODHOUSE, ATWOOD: Henry Woodhouse m Jaqueline Atwood, dau of William, consent signed 23 Apr 1806. Both b Princess Anne Co. Their dau, Mary Ellen Woodhouse, b near Vincennes, IN1830, m Joseph Hayes Timmons. Cannot find anything on the above Atwoods and Woodhouses other than what is listed. **Marguerite McElroy, PO Box 83, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.**

GRAY: Seek info/ancs/descs of Alexander Gray (b c1730) and his wife Eizabeth. He was in Halifax Co by 1761, d there c1791. Ch: James, John, Alexander, Robert, George, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Sally. Seek to corresp with anyone interested in this family. **Jane Gray Buchanan, 114 Berwick Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830.**

DUNKUM: Seek info on the Dunkum family of Buckingham, Albemarle, and Cumberland cos, VA. Seek to corresp with anyone descending from or researching this family. **Ruby Talley Smith, 1429 Decatur St., Baltimore, MD 21230-5212.**

HOBBS, FISHER: Seek info on Lamme Hobbs family of Nottoway Court House, VA late 1700's and early 1800's. Lamme left will in Nottoway CH 1805. Also, Thomas Dance Fisher m Elizabeth Hobbs c1802. **Douglas P. Fisher, 16480 Shands Rd., Petersburg, VA 23805.**

Adams
Gabriel 90
Priscilla 90
Alan
Francis 59
Allen
George F. 51
Allie
Dodds 70
Anderson 57, 59
Elizabeth M. 90
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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of *The Southside Virginian*, we wrote of an impending problem at the Archives and Records Division of The Library of Virginia, formerly the Virginia State Library and Archives. We have received letters from several of you stating that you had gotten a response to your letters which included a "Fact Sheet" from The Library disputing many of the points made by the Virginia Genealogical Society. The VGS states that the budgetary numbers and space allocations used by them were provided by The Library administration, and they are responding to the "Fact Sheet."

As you may be aware, budget numbers can be looked at in many different ways, depending on the side of an issue you are on. We will continue to monitor the situation at The Library and will keep you informed of the progress. We do wish to thank those of you who took the time to respond to the Governor and others. Unfortunately, bureaucrats control the budgetary process, and they don't always get the full picture. Through your letters, they can find out where your sentiments lie, and what is really important to you.

While on the subject of preserving records, we would like to suggest that you submit your well documented research in the form of articles for publication in *The Southside Virginian*. Many of these articles can be valuable research aids, providing clues to others. Although we cannot publish lengthy family histories, short pieces dealing with one family or locale which would be of interest to our readers will be considered. Not only will this get your research into publication, but it very well could provide contacts with other subscribers who may have additional materials to aid you in your search. These type of articles are better than queries, because they can allow you to explore some speculations and more fully develop your research approach. By all means, continue submitting your queries, but consider whether your research may have a wider audience and then try your hand at writing an article. Write to us for our guidelines for publication. We will be happy to hear from you.

Chris Hooper
Publication Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merle Mays Howser, *Genealogy Anglin, Cook and Mays and Related Families*, 154 pp.; genealogy charts; illus.; photos; every-name index;cloth (8½x11); 1993. We have often written of the importance of publishing ones genealogical research, to the end that, if you do not do it, it probably will never get done. Years of research are often relegated to an old file cabinet or box because we never got around to publishing it. The author of *Genealogy Anglin, ...* has taken us at our word and published the fruits of her research. Mrs. Howser makes no pretense about the completeness or the accuracy of her work, but includes copies of numerous documents and a bibliography to support much of the information. She traces several of her lines to Lee County, and the Cook line to North Carolina. Many would turn up their noses at a publication such as this because of its limited scope and minimal supporting documentation. By contrast, we encourage more people to approach their research in this manner, i.e., to publish what you have as thoroughly as you can so that others may share your knowledge. As with any published work, we caution the researcher to verify all references, and not accept the printed word. Mrs. Howser is continuing her work, and we are certain that when she has more of the answers, we will see a revised edition of this book. For more information, contact the author **PO Box 309, Haines, AK 99827.**

Weynette Parks Haun, *Surry County, Virginia Court Records, 1712-1718, Book VII*, xii, 138 pp.; index; paper (8½x11); 1993. $25.00 postpaid. NC residents and libraries add 6% sales tax. This work continues Ms. Haun's publications of verbatim transcriptions and is the seventh in the series of early court records of Surry County. Her commendable efforts at transcribing and publishing these hard-to-read records is recognized by all who perform research in these early periods. We who must try to decipher these records can only hope that she will continue her task for many years to come. Purchase from the author at **NC: Research at Home, 243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423.**

Weynette Parks Haun, *Sussex County, Virginia Court Records, 1754-1801, Book I*, 190 pp.; indices; paper (8½x11); 1993. $30.00 postpaid. NC residents and libraries add 6% sales tax. This work continues Ms. Haun's publications of verbatim transcriptions of early court records of Southside counties. This, the first edition on Sussex County, includes the records of the Court of Oyer & Terminer, 1754-1801 and Order Book, 1754-1756. The introduction includes a helpful listing of problem names and letters, and a section on definitions of unusual words found in the records. Three separate indices are included to aid the researcher — general full-name, female first-name, and miscellaneous. It is most

gratifying that Ms. Haun is extending her work into Sussex County and we anxiously await the continuation of this series. Purchase from the author at **NC: Research at Home, 243 Argonne Dr., Durham, NC 27704-1423.**

Joyce Martin Murray, *Logan County Kentucky — Deed abstracts 1813-1819, Abstracts of Deed Books Volumes D, E, F, G*, 198 pp.; indices; paper (8½x11); 1994. $30.00 plus $3.00 postage, TX residents add 8.25% sales tax. This is the second volume of Logan County, KY, deed abstracts published by Ms. Murray (See review of the first volume in *The Southside Virginian*, Vol. XI No. 4). As with the first, the author has compiled three indices to aid the researcher — full-name index, place name index, and slave index. A scan of the place name index reveals references to several Southside Virginia counties including Buckingham, Chesterfield, Nottoway and Pittsylvania. Many Virginians settled in this region of Kentucky because of, as in Ms. Murray's words in the introduction, "the granting by Virginia of lands in the District set apart for Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line of the American Revolution." This is another quality reference work by Ms. Murray and can be most helpful when your research trail takes you westward from Virginia. Order from the author at **2921 Daniel, Dallas, TX 75205.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prince William County's Virginiana Collection has moved to Bull Run Regional Library. The collection, now called the Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC) will be available in the new **Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas, VA, 22110. (703) 792-4500.** Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun (mid-Sept to mid-Jun) 12 noon-5 p.m. RELIC is a special collection for genealogy and local history with a focus on Virginia and Prince William County. It features a variety of general research guides and indexes, including the International Genealogical Index, printed passenger lists, and US Census indexes. The collection contains histories and census schedules for all Virginia counties, and a variety of statewide source materials including Civil War regimental histories.

The Fauquier Heritage Society Library and Archive was opened to the public on June 4, 1994. This library located on Route 55 in Marshall, Virginia, features the vast genealogical library of 3000 plus books and the manuscript collection of noted author and historian John K. Gott. In addition, the library contains the research collection of T. Triplett Russell, a well regarded historian and co-author with Mr. Gott of several books on the history of Fauquier County. The society hopes the archive will become a repository for those seeking to preserve

documents and family papers relating to the history of the county. Hours: Tue & Thur, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Wed & Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Mon & Fri, by appointment only. For more information contact the society at **PO Box 548, Marshall, VA 22115. (703) 364-3440.**

THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES AND THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY extend an invitation to attend **"ON TO RICHMOND,"** the National Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, in Richmond, Virginia, 12-15 October 1994. More than 50 distinguished speakers and a wide array of topics will interest everyone from the novice to the professional. There will be more than 150 lectures focusing on the records, research, and methods for research in Virginia, North Carolina, and their daughter states. The exhibit area will be filled with national and regional publishers and vendors, and computer demonstrations will allow you to view the latest in genealogical technology. Registration brochures may be obtained from **"On to Richmond," Federation of Genealogical Societies, PO Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385**, or by calling **Karen Mauer Green, National Publicity Chair, (409) 740-7988.**

MISS HARRIETT A. CHILTON OFFERS FOR SALE: *Robertson Cheatham of Appomattox/Campbell Co., VA.* Robertson Cheatham moved from Chesterfield Co. to Campbell co. in 1790, and lived on Reedy Creek. The book lists Cheatham's ancestors back to the mid-1600s, plus his children, gr. children, and grt. gr. children. Index, 8½x11, 31 pp., photos, map. 1990. $7.50. Order from the author at **#3108 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.** Please add $1.50 postage.

FOLLOW-UP

In *The Southside Virginian*, Vol XI No. 4, we carried a reprint of an article from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* entitled "Old Family Bible Looking For Its Home," concerning the discovery of a bible from the Civil War era which had found its way back to Virginia from an unknown past in New York state. The article was an attempt to locate a descendant of Richilieu and Cornelia Coleman to which to return the bible. We received a letter from subscriber, Ms. Lottie Clymer, of Ponca City, Oklahoma who, although she could not definitely trace her lineage to these Colemans, suggested that the bible be placed with the Amelia County Historical Society at Amelia Courthouse for the use of all researchers. We contacted Steve Clark of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, author of the original piece, to make this suggestion. Steve stated that we must have missed his follow-up article on the subject in which he stated that the bible had indeed been placed in the hands of the Amelia County Historical Society. We thanked him for his interest in seeing that another valuable artifact is preserved for the use of all researchers. We also thank Lottie Clymer for her suggestion. It appears that others had the same idea as well. We would like to suggest to our subscribers that if they locate old bibles or other items of historical significance, please attempt to place them in repositories where they will get the most exposure to interested researchers. Someone is looking for that information.

Amelia County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

Amelia County Order Book 1 - 1735-1736

[p.6] *At a Court for Amelia County December 12th. 1735*

Prest. Edward Booker Charles Irby Richard Booker & James Clarke Gent. Justices

Lewis Green vs. William Westbrook the Plaintiff not appearing dismiss'd

Thomas Neal vs. Joseph Grainger Pett. the parties Appearing and the arguments on both sides being heard and fully understood Judgment is Granted the Plant. for £1.S7.d5 with Costs.

George Robertson Clark vs. William McBee attachment the plaintiff haveing made oath to his Account before the Court of Prince George County Judgment is granted him for £6.S2.d1 and the Sheriff of this County haveing sold the said McBees Estate for £8.S10.d11. It is ordered that he pay the sd Robertson £6.S2.d1.

John Nash vs. Wm MackBee Att. the Plant. haveing made oath to £1.S3.d6½ Judgment is granted for the same And it is Ordered that the Sheriff pay the Sum out of the money belonging to the sd McBees Estate of so much there be after Robertsons debt is dischargd and 10 Shillings to Robert Stoker for Gathering the sd McBees Corn

Lundsdon Washington being presented by the Grand Jury for not coming to Church is finde [*fined*] According to law

Stephen Crump being presented by the Grand Jury for the same find accordingly

Ordered the Court Adjourn to the 2nd fryday in January next

Edward Booker

At a Court held for Amelia County February 13th 1735/36

Prest: Edward Booker Charles Irby Richard Booker & Abra. Green Gent. Justices

Thomas Williams of Prince George County being Summond. an Evidence for Jno Chalmers It is ordered that the sd Chalmers pay him for One days attendance & Coming & going 40 miles.

Peter Jones Gent. agreed with this Court to Maintain Bershaba Chriswell dureing her life Inconsideration whereof it is order'd that her 2 Children Elisabeth and Frances be bound to the sd Jones as the law directs

Bryan Fenell Appointed surveyor of a Road to be clear'd a Little below John Johnsons to the fork of Little Nottoway

Hampshair a Negro Boy belonging to Capt. James Bradby adjudg'd to fourteen yrs.

Dick belonging to the Same Ten years Old

Ramanta a Girl belonging to the Same Fifteen Years

Frank a Boy belonging to Thos. [*Brooks*] adjudg'd to Fifteen years

Mingo belonging to Colo. William Kennon to Thirteen Years

On the Pettio. of Joseph Gray he is freed from paying County levey

Richard Jones Gent. haveing taken the Oaths appointed and Subscrib'd the Test took the Oath of a Justice of peace & of Chancery

Prest. Richard Jones Gent.

[p.7] John Jones vs. Peter Rowlett Pett. the parkes being heard It is Considered by the Court that the Pllaintiff have One half of the Cattle rais'd by the sd Jones on the Plantation of the sd Rowlett and that James Branch

[*Walter*] Marshall and Robert Taylor or any 2 of them devide the Same

Robert Taylor to be paid by John Jones for One days Attnds.

Margaret Long to be paid the Same for One days Attends.

Michl. McDearman Row vs. Thomas Bell Pett. Dismissd.

Thomas Dougens/Dongens vs. Anthony Whealer Pett. Dismissd.

Thos. Roberts to Answer Grand Jurys present. Dismiss'd

Thos. Brooks to Answer ¥ same Dismiss'd

Davis Lyles to Answer ¥ same Dismiss'd

John Harris the Same

Robert Taylor Appointed Surveyor from Mrs. Andersons Bridge to Deep Creek Bridge

John Benson Appointed to clear a bridle way from ~~the Chappel on Nottoway from~~

West Creek to the Court house

John Winingham Appointed to Clear a bridle [*way*] from West Creek to the Chappell on Nottoway

Samuel Jordans Mark a Slitt in the Right & half moon under the left Ear

Orderd a Court Adjourn to the 2nd fryday in March next

Edward Booker

At a Court held for Amelia County March 12th 1735/36

Prest. Edward Booker Richard Jones Richard Booker & James Clarke Gent. Justices

Henry Robertsons Mark a Crop & 2 Slitts in the left Ear and Nich under ¥ right

Pompey a Negro boy belonging to Saml. Cobbs judg'd fourteen Years of Age

James Gates Pett. for Administration of the Estate of William Gates decd. and haveing made Oath According to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining Lets. of Administration in due form William Lax & Abraham Ackols Securities who Acknowledged bond for the same

George Marchbanks, John Forguson, Benja. Hubbard & James Collens or any three of them being Sworn are to Appraise the Estate of Willm. Gates & make return [*thereof*]

Capt. Richard Jones & Mr Abraham Green are desired to Consult with the Court of Prince George about Repairing Namozein bridge and to agree with Some person to do the same

Fran^c^. Loyde of Prince George County being Summon'd a Witness for John Chalmers Orderd ¥ sd Chalmers pay him One days Attends. & Comeing 30 miles.

Robt. Easley vs. Will: Worsham Pett. ¥ Plant. being dcd. dismiss'd

John Pleasants vs. Jer: Leister. the Defendn. being dcd. Dismiss'd

Michl. McDearman Row apptd. Surveyor from Dabneys to the Cutt bancks

Order'd the Court adjourn to the 2nd fryday in April next

Edward Booker

[p.8] *At a Court held for Amelia County April 9th 1736*

Prest. Edward Booker Richard Jones Richd. Booker John Dawson & James Clarke Gent. Justices

Edward Booker Gent. desireing the Road may by continued as it now is from the fork of Bookers road to the Church which is accordingly granted

Doger a Negro boy belonging to Joseph Molton judged to thirteen years Old

Sampson a negro boy belonging to John Man Eleven years

Robin a Negro boy belonging to Samuel Cobbs Twelve years

David Lyles has leive granted him to keep a ferry from his house over Appomx. river. the price for a Man & horse six pence for One person three pence

William Watson Gent. pruduced a Commission from the President & Masters of William and Mary Colege to be Surveyor of this County and haveing taken the Oaths appointed by law Subscrib'd the Test and took the Oath of Surveyor

Henry Anderson has leive to turn the Road near his house making an other as good as this now is

Arthur Hopkins vs. James Eastham Tress: the Defendt. came into Court and confessed him self indebtd. to the Plant. £5.S3.d7. It is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover the Same w$^{th.}$ Costs & as Lawyers ffee. the Plant. agreeing to Stay Excetn. Six months

Robert Easley vs. Will: Worsham Pett. ¥ Plant. being dcd. Dismd.

Our Sovereign Lord the King vs. Edmund Franklin for liveing in Adultery with Ellinor Hodges It being by Consent refer'd to the Court and James Roach being Sworn an Evidence for the Defendt. delcared that ¥ sd Ellinor was the Defendants Lawfull wife. It is therefore the Opinion of the Court that Defendant is not gilty

James Roach an Evidence for Ed. Franklin to be paid One days attendance and coming & Going 50 miles According to law

Robert Childress for not coming to Church finde According to law & to pay costs

William Moor vs. Joseph Russell Pett. Dismiss'd

Thomas Franklin vs. Richd. Wood ass. & Batt. Dismissed

Thomas Williams vs. John Willingham Debt Agreed

Francs. Poythress vs. Benja. Mathews Pett. the Defendt. came into Court & confessed Judgment for four pounds and Costs

Ordered the Sheriff Summon twenty four Freeholders to Appear as Grand Jury to next Court

John Burton Charles Irby & James Clarke Gent. recomended as Sher:

Henry Farlow having taken the Oaths & Subscrib'd ¥ test took ¥ Oath of Under Sheriff

Order'd the Court adjourn to the 2nd fryday in May next

Edward Booker

[p.9] *At a Court held for Amelia County May 14 1736*

Prest. Edward Booker Charles Irby Richd. Booker William Green Richd. Jones John Dawson and James Clarke Gent. Justices

On the Pett. of Thomas Bevell Lycence is Granted him to keep an Ordinary at his Own house. William Green Security who Acknowledg'd bond for the same

The Court set the price of Liquors as followeth

New England rum at 5 Shillings Pt Gal.

Barbados and other the Western Islands at 10 shillings Pt Gal.

French Brandy at 20 Shilings Pt Gal.

Medera Wine at 2 Shillings and 6 pence Pt quart

Strong Beir at 1 shilling & 6 pence Pt quart bottle

Virginia cyder at 6 pence Pt quart

Rum punch made of [*Loaf*] sugar 1 Shilling and 3 pence Pt quart

the Same made of brown Sug[*ar*] 1 shilling

Diner for One person 1 Shilling

Breakfast 7 pence half pen.

Lodging 7 pence half penney.

Indian corn 4 pence Pt Gal.

Stableage or Pastureage 24 howers pence

Elizabeth Leister Relict of Jeremiah Leister Decd. Petitoning for Administration

of the Decedents Estate and makeing Oath According to law Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Letters of Administration on the sd Estate in due form the sd Elisabeth giving Security. Joseph Grainger who Adknowledged bond for Same

Thomas Eldredy Gent. producted a Commissioned to practice as an Attorney who having taken the Oaths and Subscrib'd the Test Took ¥ Oath of an Attorney

John Scott Gent. produced a Comm. to practice as an Attorney who having taken the Oaths and Subscrib'd the Test took ¥ Oath of an Attorney

John Hudson Petitioning for Administration of the Estate of Robert Easley decd.

and makeing Oath Accordingly Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Lett. of Administration on the Estate in due from the sd John Giveing Security

Robert Taylor and Daniel Hamblin who Acknowledg'd bond for ¥ Same

William Marshall. John Leverett. Samuel Pencham and Irby Hudson or any three of them being sworn do apprais the Estate of Robert Easley Decd. and make return thereof

Robert Taylor. John Blanchett. Isaac Hudson & Thomas Dunfant or any three of them being Sworn to Appris the Estate of Jeremiah Leister decd. & make return

On the Pett. of Stephen Neal he is levey free from this County

William Dandey appointed Constable Near Nottoway Order'd he be Sworn ..

Edward Booker. Richard Jones and John Dawson Gent. are appointed to take the List of Tithables

Edmund Franklin Appointed Surveyor of the Road from the bent Creek into Bookers road

Dick a Negro Boy belonging to Jacob Sea Adjudg'd to fourteen years Old

[p.10] The Grand Jury being Sworn /to Witt/ Henry Anderson Walker Childs William Green Robert Tucker Robert Tucker Jur. Richard Talley. John Forgmon William Echols Paul Pigg John Combs Michl. MacDearmon Row William Hatchett Yeo Avery Peter Rowlett John Man & William Marshall withdrew and after some time returnd and made the following presentn. to Witt:

George Stegall for being drunk

John Byram for Swearing

Wiliam Burks for Swearing

Judith [*Below*] for having a barstard Childe

James Anderson Appointed Surveyor of the high ways where Christo. Robertson was Surveyor, order'd that the sd Anderson cause the sd ways to be cleard according to law

George Bagley appointed Surveyor of the high ways from the Celler to Dandys Race paths orderd the ways be cleard According to law

Elizabeth Jones Relict of Jno. Jones Returnd an Inventory & appraismt. of ¥ Decd. Est.

Order'd that Ann Russel be allow'd three hundred weight of Tobacco for cleaning the Court house for one Year.

Henry Robertson vs. William Westbrook Petition for five hundred weight of Pork the Defndt. pleaded he Ow'd nothing on which Issue joynd and a plea hearing the Evidence and the Arguments on both sides the Court are of Opinion the [*case*] should be dismiss'd

Thomas Short of Prince George County being Summond. an Evidence for Christopher Robertson vs. Wm Westbrook Orderd the sd Robertson pay the sd Short for two days attendance and coming & going foty five miles

James Anderson Summond an Evidence for Christo. Robertson Ordered the sd Robertson pay him for two days attendance according to law

William Hudson Sum: an Evid. for Chris. Robertson Orderd he be pd two days

Thomas Jones being Summond an Evidence for William Westbrook Orderd the sd Westbrook pay ¥ sd Jones for One days attend. Acco. to law

William Crawley vs. Joseph Grainger Tress. upon the Case of Consent of the parties Abraham Green Gent. is to settle the Acco. in difference between them and his award to be the Judgment of the Court.

Thomas Dunlop vs. Francis Rue Pett. Dismissd

Richd. Jones Gent. vs. Barnaby Wells Pett. the Defendant came into Court and confess'd Judgment to the Plant. for £1.S3.d8½ and Costs

George Davis vs Thos. Osborn Tress. upon the Case Dismiss'd

[*Robert*] Thompson vs. Barnaby Wells Pett. for £2.S4 & three hundred pounds of Tobacco the Court haveing heard the Arguments on both sides it is Considered that the Plant. recover of the Defend. 6 shill. and three hundred pounds of Tobacco with Costs.

Geor. Stegall being presented for the Grand Jury for being drunk Acquitted

Orderd the Court be adjourn'd to the Second Fryday in June next

Edward Booker

[p.11] *At a Court held for Amelia County June 11th 1736*

Prest. Edward Booker Richard Jones Richard Booker & Jno. Dawson Gent. Justices

John Hudson Adminstrator of Robert Easleys Estate. Returnd an Inventory & Appraisment of the Decedt. Estate

Henry Anderson Acknowledged his Deed & Livery of Seisin to Lodwick Tanner Eliz. the Wife of the sd Henry being privately Examd. Relinquish'd her Right of Dower in the sd land which is order'd to be accorded.

Deeds from Edward Booker to Edmun Booker proved by the Oaths of William Booker. Richd. Clarke & Jno. Nash three of the Witness's thereto. Order'd to be Recorded

Will. Pride Acknowleged his Deed of Gift to Richd. Wells admitt. to Record Will. Pride Acknowledged his Deed & Livery of Seisin to John Towns admitted to Record.

William Dandy Sworn Constable below Deep Creek

Henry Mayes Acknowledged his Deed Livery of Seisin to Edwd. Morgan

Dick a Negro Boy belonging to Will. Cradock 12 years Old

Ceasar belowing to the same 11 years.

On the Petition of Will. Cradock Lycence is granted to keep an Ordy. at the Court house One Year

In the Action of Debt between Richard Mosby Plant. and Henry Leister Deft. for £20 Curt. money the parties haveing appeared by their Attorneys and the pleadings on both sides being duly consid'd. It is the Opinion of the Court the Plaintiffs Declaration is not Sufficient his Action afore said to maintain and that the same be dismissd. with Costs

In the Action upon the Case between William Crawley Plant. and Jos. Grainger Defendt. the parties haveing agreed that Abraham Green Gent. should Settle the Accots. between them which being don is a bal. of £5.S11.d2 appear'd to be due to the to the Plant. It is therefore Considered by the Court that the Defendt. do pay the Same with Costs.

Joseph Grainger vs. Thos. Neal. Debt the Defendt. haveing fil'd his ptcn. the Plant. has time to consider the Same.

The Last Will of Hugh Bragg was produc'd by Jno. Bragg who took the Oath of an Exectr. and proved by the Oath of Wm. Robertson one of the Witness's thereto who also see John Robertson the other Witness signe as Such and at that time nothing was [*Raisd*] out of the said Will

[p.12] In the Action of Debt between Richard Tunstall Plant. & Richd. Wayne Defendt. the Defendt. haveing Surrendered himself in deses. of his bails the Plant. prays the sd Defend. in Custody who is acco. Comitted, and pleads payment which plea the Plant. prays time to Consider

John Byram for Prophain Swearing fin'd according to law

Richard Booker Gent. Security

William Burks for Prophain Swearing fin'd according to law

Ordered the Court be adjourn'd to the Court in Cours

Edward Booker

At a Court held for Amelia County July the 9th 1736

Prest. Edward Booker Charles Irby Richd. Jones & James Clarke Gent. Justices

Will. Hatchetts Ear mark A Crop & Slitt in Each Ear half moon under the left

In the Action upon the Case between Franc. Epes Plant. and Will. Westbrook Defendt. the Suit is Dismissd. the Defend. agreeing to pay [*Costs*]

Richd. Tunstall Aknowledg'd his Deed & Livery of Seisin to Will. LeNeve Obedience the Wife of the sd Hatcher being provaty. Examined Relinquished her Dower in the sd Land wch is recorded

Edward Booker Acknowledged his Deeds to Thos. Tab's. recordd.

Ordered the Court be adjourn'd to the Second fryday in Augt.

Edward Booker

At a Court held for Amelia County Augt. 13 1736

Prest. Charles Irby Richd. Booker Abr. Green & John Dawson Gent. Justices

Deeds from Richd. Smith to Elendr. Gray Proved by the Oaths of James Hall & Geor. Bagle 2 of the Witness's thereto

James Bentley On his Pett. is Levey free

Aggey a Negro Girl beloning to Rob. Taylor Ten years old

Phillips Negro Girl beloning to Will. Marshall Ten years old

[*Deriesed*] Negro Boy belonging to Jno. Ellis Ten years old

Fannuey a Boy beloning to the same Eleven years old

Jos. & Peter two Negro Boys belonging to Tho. Vaughan Eight years old

Tom a Negro Boy belon[*g*]ing to Higdon Roberson Eight years old

Jno. Leonard against Tho. Roberts Petitn. Judgmt. for £2 Curt. money wth. Costs

[p.13] Will. Marshall on Evidence for Leonard aga. Roberts to be paid for two days attendance

James Bentley for two days att. Sumd. by Leonard

John Frith Against John Bentley Petit. Judgmt. against the Defendt. for £2.S3.d8 3 farthings & Costs

On the Pett. of John Hudson Admr. of Robt. Easley Decd. against Will. Worsham Judgmt. is granted the Plant. for £1.S10 ordered the Defendt. pay the Same with Costs

John Mitchell an Evidence for the Plant. ordered to be paid for One days Attendance & Coming & Going Twenty four Miles

David [*Burn/Brown*] vs. John & Susn. Garrett Tresp. agreed Dismissed

Chas. Burkes Senr. Acknowledged his Deed & Livery of Seisin unto Charles Burkes Jnr. ordered to be recorded

Edward Booker Gent. is Required to send for Weights and Measures as the law directs at the Charge of this County

Samuel Pencham is Appointed Surveyor of the Road from Flatt Creek to [*Smax*] Creek in Room of Abr. Burton Decd.

Ordered that the Court be adjourn'd to the 2nd fry day in September next

Charles Irby

At a Court held for Amelia County to Receive Public Clames and Proposition & Grieveances August 19 1736

Prest. Charles Irby Richard Booker Abr. Green John Dawson Gent. Justices

Richard Hix for takeing up Roger a run away Negro belonging to Isham Epes of Prince George County

Paul Pigg for takeing up a Runaway Negro belon[*g*]ing to George Carrington of Goochland County

John Cobbs for takeing up Moll a Slave belonging to George Farrow of Henrico County

A Petition to the Worshipfull the House of Burgesses was presented by Mathew Talbert in behalf of himself & others ordred the Same be Certified

Charles Irby

[p.14] *At a Court held December 10th to pay the County Levey 1736*

Prest. Richd. Booker Henry Anderson Jams. Clarke Thos. Tabb Will. Watson & Jos. Scott Gent. Justices

John Mullens for one Old wolfs head	140
Thomas Prewett Do	140
Will. Chandler Do	140
Arthur Leigh 8 Young Do	560

Henry Robertson 1 Old Do	140	
Robert Eavans 1 Young Ditto	70	
Robert Moody 1 Old Do	140	
Henry Robertson 1 Do	140	
Higdon Robertson 1 Do	140	
Bryan Fanney 1 Do	140	
Samuel Jourdon 1 Do	140	
William Reives 1 Do	140	
Christopher Robertson 1 Ditto	140	
the Same person 1 Ditto	140	
Charles Irby 2 Do	280	
Joseph Molton Senr 2 Do	280	
Joseph Molton Jnr 2 Do	280	
Thomas Rutlidge 2 Do	280	3430
To the Secretary	112	
John Newton for Work don at the Courthouse	84	
To Sundry Person for Garding the Prison	252	
To Will. Dandy & Jno. Bentley Constables	255½	
To the Sheriff for Insolvents	75	
To Ann Russell for cleaning the Court house	300	
To Stephen Duey Deputy Attorney	832	
To the Sherriff of this County	1040	
To the Clerk of this County	1040	3990½
For Reparing Namozain bridge		134
To the Sheriff for Collecting 7788 at 6 PtCt.		467½
		8022
to Cert. to be Accounted for by the Sheriff		1446
		9468
Amelia County	Cr.	
By the Publick for Wolfs heads	1680	
by 649 Tithables at 12 Pt poll	7788	
	9468	

John Burton Gent. Sheriff haveing given Richard Booker Gent. Security for the Colection of this County It is ordered that Each tithable pay him the quantity of 12 lbs. of Tobacco

Richd. Booker

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Johns & Wife etc. *v* Ferguson's Executor — Statements
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To the Hon. Daniel A. Wilson judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Cumberland.

The Bill of Complaint of Melville M. Johns & Ann his wife and of James M. Johns administrator of his desceased wife Elizabeth, respectfully shows

That in the year 1847 and prior to the death of Said Elizabeth, Mrs. Nancy Ferguson late of Said County died leaving a will which with the codicils thereto have been duly proved and admitted to record in Said County Court; and John W. Wilson the executor therein named has duly qualified in the Same Court; all by which an office copy of Said Will & codicils with the order of said executor's qualification , herewith exhibited, will more fully appear.

Testatrix left a considerable estate, and by Said will & codicils it will be seen that after a few specific legacies She directs the whole of her property to be Sold & after payment of debts & providing for the maintenance of some old negroes, the whole estate (with the exception of Said Specific legacies) to be divided into 21 parts & gives Said equal parts to 21 named legatees provided should be alive at her death or if dead should have children then living; but if any should be then dead & have no children living the division to be by a less number but on the same principles; that is, to be among those who should not then have died and to some (~~The Specific legacies are as follows~~) of these shares She attached executory limitations over, upon certain named Contingencies _ & in the division each legatee is to account for what he had received of testatrix

The Specific legacies are as follows

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To Rebecca Maxey a Sister of testatrix an old negro Woman named Lucy and a negro girl Effy.

To Albert Cox son of Said Rebeca a Colt which received upon testatrix's death

& To Martha F. Cox daughter of Said Albert a negro girl child Named Lucy, child of Phebe.

The equal shares or 21st parts are given as follows

1.2.3. To a sister, Francis Whitworth, and to her 2 daughters Nancy S., late Hooper, now the wife of John H. Burton, and Francis late Whitworth now the wife of [*blank*] all of whom live in the State of Alabama — each one part.

4. To a neice Ann Jane King wife of William S. King of Prince Edward County one part.

5.6.7.8. To a Sister Rebecca Maxey, above named, and to her 3 children Elizabeth, Wife of Milton P. Atkinson, Albert Cox, afore said, and Jane Maxey all of Powhatan, each one part, with executory limitations over to the survivors in case of the death of any of these four without heirs of the body.

9.10.11.12. To Abraham Cooke, now dead, & John W. Wilson the exor entrusties, 4 parts for the benefit of a Sister Agnes Watkins of the State of North Carolina, for life, and at her death to her 3 daughters; that is one part to each of the four, providing that if She should become a widow the whole of Said four portions to be paid over to her, to be hers for life & go to her daughters aforesaid at her death — or to the children of such of them as should be dead — The Complainants are informed that said Agnes has become a Widow by the death of her husband Spencer Watkins, that Polly Ann Jones, one of her daughters died before the testatrix leaving 2

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children Robert & Henry Jones that Sarah another daughter the wife of Thomas Brent is also dead [*blank space*], leaving 2 children Jane and Mary Brent — [*blank space*] The name of the 3d daughter they do not know. All these live in North Carolina _

13.14.15. To a Sister, Jane Watkins and her two youngest daughters one part each — The two daughters as Complainants are informed were

named Henrietta who was the wife of William O. Hopper but who died before testatrix leaving one child Archer Hopper — & Eliza the wife of Fleming Goolsberry. These reside also in North Carolina.

16. To the Said Jane Watkins one part during the life of her daughter Franky Watkins; at the death of Said Franky to go to a neice Caroline Harris also of North Carolina — Your Orators are informed that Said Franky & Caroline both died before the testatrix but that the latter left 2 children then surviving *viz:* Jane & William Harris.

17.18.19.20. To four neices, Elizabeth Agee (or Agy) who is the wife of Thomas Agee of Buckingham, Elizabeth Johns Who was the wife of the plt. James M. her admin, Ann the plt, and Henrietta Hooper of Buckingham, each one part

21 & To a nephew James Hooper Son of William Hooper of Alabama the remaining part.

Your complainants are informed & charge that the exór John W. Wilson has gone on to execute the will by paying all the debts — & providing for the support of the old negroes & by selling all the property except that specifically bequeathed which he has delivered — that he is now ready & willing to make distribution among the 21 legatees (if there are 21 entitled — Or as this Court shall direct upon the properties — But because it is not certain how many of Said

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21 Out lived the testator, or if dead had children living and because he is not advised whether the children of a Ligatee who died in testatrix's life can take, ~~or whether~~, the shares now being given to the children in case of the parents' death — or whether such legacy lapses & goes to the distribution generally as in case of intestacy, or falls off and diminishes the number of parts as if the legatee had died without children, & because it is not ascertained what the Several legatees had received of testatrix in her life and have to account for — he the exór declines to pay out except as this Court shall direct _

To the end therefore that the Said John W. Wilson as exór of Nancy Ferguson dec^{d} — and the several parties above named *viz:* Rebecca Maxey, Milton P. Atkinson & Elizabeth his wife, Albert Cox & his daughter Martha F. Cox an infant, and Jane Maxy, of Powhatan Thomas Agee & Elizabeth his wife ~~of Buckingham~~ Wm S. King and Ann Jane his wife of Prince

Edward— & Henrietta Hooper an infant, daughter of Benjamin Hooper dec[d] of Buckingham, ~~&~~

Francis Whitworth, John H. Burton & Nancy S. his wife late ~~Whitworth~~ Hooper, ——— Murphy now dead and Francis his wife late Whitworth, and James Hooper Son of William Hooper — of Alabama—

Agnes Watkins — Robert Jones & Henry Jones children of Polly Ann Jones dec[d] — Jane Brent & Mary Brent children of Sarah Brent dec[d] — and [*blank space*] one of the 3 daughters of Said Agnes Watkins ——— Jane Watkins, Arthur Hopper child of Henrietta Hopper dec[d], Fleming Goolsberry and Eliza his wife, & Jane Harris & William Harris children of Caroline Harris dec[d]. — of North Carolina — May be made defendants to this bill and required full answer to make thereto and Specially to State the time of the death of such of the 21 as are dead and whether they had children living at testatrix death — Also what had been received by any and all said legatees before the death of Said testatrix — that the Said exór set forth the estate that his a/c be settled if need be and that your orators and all concerned may have their just legacies decreed & general relief. May it please the Court to grant proper process to— Boc & orplts.

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	Amount brought over for division			$19,093.55
	One twenty first part is			909.22
1	Rebecca Maxey is entitled to	$909.22		
	Amy of her bond & interest	970.		
	She will still owe the exor.	60.78		60.78
2	Milton P. Atkinson & Elizabeth his wife	909.22		
	Amt. his 2 bonds & interest	843.92		
	Bal to be paid them by exor	65.30	65.30	
3.	Albert Cox _____	909.22		
	Amt his bond & int	862.75		
	Balance to be paid him by exor	46.47	46.47	
4.	Jane Maxey		909.22	
5.	Thomas Agee & Elizabeth his wife	909.22		
	Amt to be accounted for by them . . .	623.83		
	Balance to be paid him by exor	285.39	285.39	
6.	Henrietta Hooper		909.22	
7.	W[m] S. King & Ann Jane his wife	909.22		
	Amount to be accounted for by him .	279.58		
	Balance to be paid him by exor	629.64	629.64	

8.	Francis Whitworth	909.22		
	Amt of her bond & interest	1167.74		
	Bal. which she will owe the exor	258.52		258.52
9.	John H. Burton & Nancy S. his wife Late Hooper			
		909.22		
	Amt to be accounted for by him	636.40		
	Bal to be paid them by exor	272.82	272.82	
10	Francis Murphy, formerly Francis Whitworth		909.22	
11	James Hooper — Son of William	909.22		
	Amount his bond & interest	144.16		
	Bal to be paid him by exor	765.06	765.06	
12.13.14.& 15	Agnes Watkins for life, remainder to her 3 daughters or their descendants or to the Surviving daughters if any be then dead leaving no children — 4 shares or	3636.88		
	Amt her bond and interest —	607.50	3,029.38	
	Bal to be paid her by exor	$3029.38		
		Amt forward	7,821.72—	319.30

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	Amts brought forward		7821.72	319.30
16	Jane Watkin	909.22		
	Amt her bond & interest	607.50		
	Bal. to be paid her by the exor	301.72	301.72	
17	Archer Hopper Son of Henrietta Hopper dec^{d} . .		909.22	
18	Fleming Goolsberry & Eliza his wife		909.22	
19	Jane Harris & William Harris children of Caroline Harris dec^{d}		909.22	
20	Melville M. Johns & Ann his wife		909.22	
21	James M. Johns a heir of Elizabeth Johns dec^{d}		909.22	
			$12,669.54	319.30

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Will of John Boult — 1799

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In the Name of God Amen I John Bolt [*Boult*] of princess ann County and State of Virginia being very sick and and weke in body but in my Rite mind and of a disposing memory think proper to make this my Last Will and Testament and first of all

Item I Leve to my Well beloved Wife Trelove Bolt Six Cows and Calves also fore Negros namely George and Caleb Alce and Jude also two horses and one mair also fifteen head of Sheep also three fether Beds and furnature and all the Remainder of my house hould and Cetching furnature Excpting two fether Beds allso all my stock of hougs also six Stocks of bees also fifteen barels of Corn also all the porke also the use and Cultivation of all My Land the portions to be Cultivated Every other yeare also the preveledg of Geting Red Oke Timber the abovemenchened lagacy to my Wife dureing her Widowhod and at the Exspiration of the Same to Return to my Children as may hearafter be menchened

Item I Give and bequeth the above Menchened Legacy at the Exspiration of my Wifes Widowhod to be Eqully divided betwen all my Children then Liveing

Item I Give and bequeth to son John Boult my plantion and Land Whereon I Live un all which Lays un the Eastermost Side the Main Rode the one half of Broude Nack [*Broad Neck*] to be givun up to him at time he is Twenty years of Age to him and his heirs for Ever but shuld he deses [*decease*] with out heir of his body then to my son Max Boult and his heirs for Ever also a track or peace of Land of a boute fifteen acres Laying Between Jushua Cumings and Corpy Wiggins as fair as the poine Swamp parth to him and his heirs for Ever ———— also one fether beds and furnture

Torn over [*turn over*]

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Item I Give and bequeth to Son Max Boult my platation and Land laying un the Westtermost Side the maine Rode as faire as Nickerts track to him and his heirs for Ever but shuld he deses [*decease*] with out heire of his body then to my Son John Boult and his heirs for Ever also one fether Bede and furnature also one hundred pounds in Cash to be Raised out of my Estat at the Exspiration of Wifes Widowhod

Item I Give and bequeth to son Malaca Boult my plantation and Land known bt the Name of Nickerts Track and half the Swamp Land to him and his heirs for Ever but shuld he deses [*decease*] With out heire then to my Son Henary Boult and his heirs for Ever

Item I Give and bequeth to my son Henery Boult my plantation and Land Where un Thurrigood Etheridg Now Lives un and half the Swamp Land to him and his heirs for Ever but shuld he deses With out heire of his body then to my Son Malaca Boult and his heirs for Ever ——————————

the out Side of my house is to be panted on the Exspance [*expense*] of my Esstate ————————

Item I Give and bequeth to my daughter Sallay Boult one Negro boy Named Gorge and one Negro Garle Named haner to hur and hur heirs for Ever but shuld she deses With out heire then to Return to my Esstate a gain——

Item I Give and bequeth to my daughter patssa Boult one Negro boy Named Terey and one Negro Garle Named paga to hur and hur heirs for Ever but shuld she deses With out heire then to Retorn to my Esstate a Gaine————

My Black Smith tuls [*blacksmith tools*] to be hiered out par yeare unteel my Son John Boult Shall Come to Age of twenty years old

Torn over [*turn over*]

[*Page 3*]

Revking and disanuling all other Wills and Gifts Rattifying and Confarming this to be my Last Will and testament and Lastly I [*afirm?*] and ordain and leve my beloved Wife Trelove Boult and my frend John Hill and my Son John Boult When he Shall Come to Age of twenty one these to be hole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness here of I have hereunto Seat my

hand Seal this Sackond [*second*] day of March In year of our Lord one thousand Seven Seven [*sic*] hundred and Ninety Nine

Signed Sealed and deliverd

In presents of
Malachi Read

his
John Boult {seal}
marke

John Bowin

John Rogers

his
Francis Etheridge
mark

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 2d day of September 1799 ———

The above last Will and Testament of John Boult decd was proved according to Law by the Oath of Malachi Read & John Bowen two of the Witnesses to the same and Ordered to be Recorded On the Motion of John Hill the Exor who made Oath & gave Bond with Surity according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due Term

Teste, P. R. Moseley Cltu

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Manumission of Slaves by John Seward and William A. Lilly

Submitted by Ray Sasser

Manumission of Slaves by John Seward
Brunswick County, Virginia
June 22, 1789 *Brunswick Deed Book 14: 499*

Virginia To all whom these presents shall come greeting I John Seward of Brunswick County in the state of Virginia for divers good causes me thereunto moving do hereby declare free manumit and enfranchise the Negroes following to wit: Nancy of age above the years of 45 James of age 40 years Ned thirty two, Moses twenty nine and Silvia eighteen to be free on the twenty fifth of December next, Amy twenty seven years of age to be free as soon as this instrument shall be recorded, Anthony born May the seventh 1778 David June the fifteenth seventeen hundred and eighty one Charles May the twelfth 1786 and Philip september the 20th 1786 to be free as soon as they arrive to the age of 25 years Nanny born september the 20th 1779. Patsy october the 15th 1784 and Violet February the 19th 1788 to be free as soon as they arrive to the above mentioned ages. Hereby acknowledging the said Negroes discharged from all claim of service and right of property whatsoever from my my heirs, executors, and administrators as witnefs my hand and seal this 22d day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

John Seward (LS)

Brunswick County Court the 22d day of June 1789

This indenture was acknowledged by John Seward to be his act and deed and ordered to be recorded

Test

Exmd & corrected by J. Jones

Griffin Stith DCBC

August 24, 1789 *Brunswick Deed Book 14: 523*
Virginia

To all whome these Presents shall come Greeting I John Seward of Brunswick County in the state of Virginia for divers good causes and considerations one

thereunto moving do hereby declare free, Manumit and Enfranchise the Negro following (To wit) Isaac Son of Nanny, born May the 14th 1768. To be free as soon as he shall arrive to the Age of twenty five years, hereby Acknowledging the said Negro discharged from all claim of Service and right of property whatever from me my Heirs Executors Administrators — As witnefs my hand and Seal this Twenty fourth August In the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine.

John Seward (Seal)

Brunswick County Court Augt 24th 1789

This Deed of Manumifsion was Acknowledged by John Seward party thereto as his act & Deed which is ordered to be Recorded

Teste

John Jones CBC

Manumission of Slaves by William A. Lilly
Greensville County, Virginia
May 27, 1790 *Greensville Deed Book 1: 291*

Pursuant to the law of Nature, conscience, the Spirit of Religion and the edict of America United in Congrefs as also an Act of toleration in the Virginia code of Laws I William A. Lilly of Greensville County do now chearfully transfer to the following Negroes (providentially in my pofsefsion) that which I deem their unalienable birthright a liberty from their present State of Bondage (Viz. Hannah, near forty, Elizabeth, nine, Bannister about thirty, Sam, about fifteen and Rebecca, about fifteen Years of Age. Unto the above Hannah and Bannister, I here grant and give full liberty from all my claim and right (with their progeny) my heirs &ca on the first day of January next; Unto the other three, Elizabeth, Sam, & Rebecca, I grant and convey the premised (*sic*) immunity at the Age of Twenty five Years with their offspring for me and my heirs forever. In Witnefs whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty Seventh day of May One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety

William A Lilly (L.S.)

At a Court held for Greensville County the 27th day of May 1790

This Deed of Emancipation was acknowledged by William A. Lilly, a party thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Test P. Pelham ClCur

Will of John Rolfe — 1621

Submitted by Doris Y. Stone

Submitter's Note: *The will of John Rolfe was probated in London's Prerogative Court of Canterbury at Someset House (49 Stroope) on May 31, 1630. A copy was made by Sadie Scott Kellam of Lynnhaven, VA, and presented to Surry County for copying in 1934. This will has been transcribed from the original in the manner in which it was originally written.*

Will Book 15 1926-1938; page 460; Surry County, Virginia

In the Name of God Amen The tenth daie of March Anno domini one thousand sixe hundred twentie one and in the yeara of the raigne of our sovereigne lord James by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith &c That is to say of England ffraunce and Ireland the nineteenth and of Scotland the ivth I John Rolfe of James Cittie in Virginia Esquire being sicke in bodie but of perfect minde and memorie laud and praise be given to allmightie god therefore do make & ordaine this my last and finall will and testament in forme followinge That is to saie ffirst & principally I doe comend my soule into the hands of allmightie god my maker and redeemer assuredly trustinge in the meritts of Jesus Christ my lord and onelie savior to have full and ample remiss on of all my sinnes and to inherite with him a portion of the glorious kingdome of god with all the holy angells and archangells and blessed saintes and elect of that eternall kingdome, And my bodie I committ to the earth in hope of a joyfull resurrection to be buried at the discretion of my executo: hereafter named in such decent and comely manner as unto my said executors shalbe thought fitt Item whereas Allmightie god hath bestowed uppon me two small children of verie tender age, for whose bringeinge upp and education in the faith and true feare of the same god I know myselfe obliged to be zealouslie carefull Therefore I do commend and committ unto the tuition of my dearlie beloved friend and father in lawe Leivetennant William Pyers gent, upon whose love and favor in thys behalfe I doe with great confidence depend And for their better meanes of sustentation and education I doe hereby devise and ordaine that my said father in lawe shall and may have, hold, receive take order and dispose of all and all manner such estate and estates as unto them shall discend and come and of right belong and appertaine duringe the time of their minoritie, Item whereas by certain letters under the comon or generall seale of the kings maties councll for Virginia heretofore made and graunted to mee and

my heires I am and stand lawfully seized of a certaine parcell or quantitie of land scituate in the countrie of Toppahannah between the two creeks over against James Cittie in the continent or Country of Virginia My will and desire is and I doe hereby devise and ordaine that the said land or ground and all and singular profitts commodities rightes royalties Jurisdictions and hereditaments whatsoevr thereunto belonginge or in anie wise apparteyninge shalbe and shall and maie remaine and bee unto my sonne Thomas and to the heires of his bodie lawfully begotten And I doe hereby give graunt and confirme the same premises unto my said sonne accordingly by these prsents And for default of such issue to the use and behoofe of Elizabeth my daughter and to the heires of her bodie lawfully to be gotten And for default of such issue to ye use and behoofe of the right heires of mee the said John Rolfe forever, Item my will is that if my said sonne shall happen to espouse and marrie anie wife by and with the consent of my said father in lawe within the time of his minoritie and before such time as he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares That then uppon such espousall or marriage by and with such consent as aforesaid my said sonne shall or maie enter into and upon the premisses and everie part thereof and receive prceive and injoye the rents issues revenues and profitts thereof and thereby cominge from thenceforth to his and their owne proper use and behoofe forever And in case my sonne shall happen to die and depart this life on this side & before such time as he shall or maie accomplish the full age of one and twentie yeares or be espoused and married as aforesaid Then my daughtr uppon her accomplishment of the full age of one and twentie yeares or upon her espousal and marriage with the consent of my said father in lawe or may lawfully enter into and uppon the prmisses and receive prceive and injoye the rents issues revenues and profitts thereof or thereby comeinge growinge or ariseing from thenceforth to her owne prppr use and behoofe forever Item whereas by certayne others letters patente heretofore sufficientlie passed and made there is given granunted and confirmed unto mee and my heires among others a certaine quantitie or portion of land or ground with th' appurtenances scituate lyinge and being neare Mulberie Iland in the countrie or continent of Virginia I doe give bequeath and dispose the same as followeth vizt to the use and behoofe of Joane my wife dureinge the terme of her naturall life And from and after her decease To the use and behoofe of Elizabeth my daughter And to the heires and assignes of the said Elizabeth forever , Item as tounching and concerninge all and singuler such personall estate goodes chattles cattles and household stuffe as god hath lent me, my debts and funerall charges being deducted and payd my will and desire is that they shall or maie be equallie proportionablie shared distributed & devided into three equall and indifferent parts and portions unto betwwne and amonge Joane my said wife Thomas my sonne and Elizabeth my daughter, And that each of them shall or maye have hold and enioye one full and intire third part of and in the said goods chattles cattles and household stuffe severally to their severall uses and behoofes forever Provided alwaies That if either of my said children shall happen to die or depart this prsent life before they shall accomplishe the age of twentie and one yeares and before such their espousalls and marriage with such consent as aforesaid Then my will and desire is that the part and portion of the

said childe so deceasinge of and in the said goodes chattles cattles and household stuffe shalbe and remaine to the survivor of my said children. And also that if both of my said children shall happen to die and depart this prsent life before their accomplishment of theire severall ages or their marriages Then my will and desire is that the severall parts and portions of my said children of and in the said last menconed prmisses shalbe and remaine unto my said wife (yf she shalbe then liveinge) And if she shall happen to die or depart this prsent life before my said children, Then the same last menconed prmisses shalbe and remaine unto my said father in lawe: to his owne proper use and behoofe forever Item my will and desire is, And I doe hereby ordaine and appoint my said father in lawe shall or may in the meantime have and take the severall parts and portions of my said children of and in the said goods chattles cattells and household stuffe into his owne hands and at his best discretion to dispose of them to their best advantage untill they shall accomplishe their severall ages Item I give and bequeath unto my said father in lawe Willyam Pyers my three bullocks or oxen which now are and heretofore have been usually yoked or putt to draw in the yoake and also my best sword and girdle and hangers of my best armour Item I give & bequeath unto my said wife to her owne propper use and behoofe all the benefitt profitt commoditie and advantage to be had gotten or obtained for or by the labour travaile or painestakinge of my three servants duringe all the resudue of the time of their service due unto me by anie covenant prmise or contract from them or anie of them heretofore made unto me, I give and bequeath unto my servant Robert Davies Twentie pounds of lawfull money of England To be paid him in such money or in good and Merchantable Wares amountinge to such a value at the end and expiracon of twoe yeares from hence next ensueinge and fully to be complete Item I doe make and ordaine my said father in lawe to be the executor of this my will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto sett, my hand and seale uppon the daie and yeare first above written Sealed delivered published and declared for and as the last will and testament of the said John Rolfe in the prsence of Temperance Yardley Rich: Buck John Cartwright Rbt Davys John Milwarde

Probatum fuit testamentum supra scriptum apud London coram magro Thoma Bennett legum doctore surrogato venerabilis viri Dm Henrici Marten militis legum etiam doctoris Curie Prerogative Cant' magri Custodie sive Commissarii

(The foregoing pages contain a transcription, as nearly accurate as we are able to decipher, of the photostat of the registered copy of the will of John Rolfe as it appears in the registers of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury at Someset House (49 Scroope)

January 25, 1934

Sadie Scott Kellam
Lynnhaven, R.F.D., Virginia

A Copy

Teste:

S. B. Barham Jr Clerk

Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County Pensioned 1832

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Continued from Vol. XII No. 1, pp. 24

Subject: Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County

Location: Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia

Date: (1) Order Book September 1832
(2) Order Book October 1832
(3) Order Book November 1832

Historical Significance: Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County endorsed and ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War for pension.

Description:

List of Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County Pensioned in 1832

(1) Order Book September 1832

John Akers
Simon P. Akers
William Akers
James Akers
Abraham Abshire
William Adcock
Capt. Thomas Akins
George Ashbury
Jacob Boone
John Boone
Walter Bernard
William Brizendine
John Campbell
Sterling Cooper
Eiles Cooper
William Campbell
Thomas Craig
Nathaniel H. Claiborne
Robert Childress
David Law
Richard Dale
Lewis Davis
William Drake
Nathaniel Dixon
Martel Lesueur
Charles Lumsden
Matthew Farmer
George Ferguson
John Huff
Joseph Hambrick
Joseph Hundley
Leonard Hutts
Samuel Hancock
Edward Hancock
Christopher Griffith
Moses Greer
John Gibson
David Graves
James Gibson
Stephen King
Nathaniel Law
John Law
William Law
Henry Law
John Jamison
Thomas Jamison

Samuel Jamison
William Jamison
Martel Lesueur
Henry Mitchell
Chatlin Pollard
Henry Mitchell
Jeremiah Meador
Jonathan Praten
Richard Pugh
Henry Smith
John Swepston
Richard Richardson
Richard Robertson
Philemon Saunders
Abraham Sink
William Smith
William Stewart
Jonathan Starkey
Thomas Thompson
John Thomasson
John Via, Jr.
John Webster
Martin Woody
John Wright
Benjamin Wray
James Wray
James Yound

(2) Order Book October 1832.

William Campbell
Jonathan Starkey
Stephen King
Joseph Hundley
Richard Richardson
Jonathan Prater
Eiles Cooper
George Ferguson
Lewis Davis
John Via, Jr.
Richard Robertson
Chatlin D. Pollard
David Graves

(3) Order Book November 1832.

Robert Childress
Charles Lumsden
John Wright
Abram Abshire
Benjamin Wray
Abram Sink
John Campbell
Henry Smith
Sterling Cooper
Christopher Griffith
John Swepston
Matthew Farmer

Source of Information:

Revolutionary Soldiers — Refers to 9th Report of Virginia State Library and other lists, McAllister, Saffell, etc. Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia.

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Will of Robert Carr — 1773

Submitted by Martha Mewborn Marble

Submitter's Note: Robert Carr married Mary Williams, daughter of Richard and Sarah Williams [1]. The original of this will may no longer exist. The will and an old Carr Bible were given by the wife of Richard Carr (of Ayden, North Carolina) to her long time nurse who was not a member of the family. There is no one alive who knows the name of that nurse. This was a large family. Some went to North Carolina and then moved out from there. Some stayed in Virginia for at least one generation.

In the name of God Amen. I, Robert Carr, of Virginia, and County of Nansemond, being sick and weak of body, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks to be God for it, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. Principally and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God, and my body to the ground to be buried in a Christian-like manner at the discretion of my executor; and to such worldly estate which it has pleased to blessed me with in this life, I give in the following manner and form:

First: I give to my loving son, Joshua Carr, all my lands on the South side of Nottoway River in the County of Nansemond, except the pine wood land, he allowing his mother the free use and liberty of the one half thereof together with the plantation I now live on during her natural life or widowhood, to him, the said Joshua Carr and his heirs after her death, forever. I also give my still and one third of all the liquors made on the said planation, he stilling the other part for his mother, toll free. I likewise give him two cows and calves, one feather bed and furniture, one iron pot, one pan, one pewter dish and basin, half a dozen plates, one Negro boy called Harry, after his mother's death or widowhood, to him and his heirs forever.

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[1] Isle of Wight/Southampton Wills and Deeds

Secondly: I give to my loving wife, Mary Carr, during her natural life or widowhood the rest of my Negroes, to wit. One Negro fellow called Sam and one called Venus, one called Pompey, one Negro wench called Kate, one called Rose; I also leave to my loving wife, Mary Carr, all my household furniture except what shall hereafter be mentioned or given to my children the use of them during her natural life or widowhood for the help and maintenance of all my daughters while they remain single.

Thirdly: I give to my loving daughter, Elizabeth, one bed and furniture, one pewter dish, one basin, six plates, two cows and calves one Negro girl called Jenny, to her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly: I give to my loving daughter, Mary, one feather bed and furniture, one pewter dish, one basin, six plates, two cows and calves and fifty pounds cash when she comes to the age of eighteen years, or a Negro girl to the value of fifty pounds if she should choose it instead of the cash to her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly: I give to my loving daughter, Martha Carr, one feather bed and furniture, one pewter dish one basin, six plates, two cows and calves, one Negro boy called Jim, to her and her heirs forever.

Sixthly: I give to my loving daughter, Lidia Carr one feather bed and furniture, one pewter dish, one Negro boy called Abram, to her and her heirs forever.

Seventhly: I give to my loving son, Titus Carr, five pounds cash, to him and his heirs forever.

Eighthly: I give to my loving son, Mathew Carr, the plantation whereon he now dwells together with half my land or near it, that lies in Hertford County, North Carolina, it being that part of my land lying on the south side of the water hole branch to the head of the northeast prong to a pine corner, then along a line of marked trees near a southwest course to a road oak standing at the fork of the roads, one to Hills bridge and the other to Washington's and Brown's, then running on Hill's road, near south.

Ninthly: I give to my loving son Robert Carr, the Plantation he now dwells on and all other part of my land in Hertfofd County, also the particulars which I have already put in his possession to him and his heirs forever.

Tenthly: After my wife's death or widowhood I give to my three sons, Robert Carr, Mathew Carr and Titus Carr, three of my Negroes, one a piece, which they may make choice, to them and their heirs forever.

And the rest of my Negroes and their increase I leve to be squarely divided among all my children then living. Likewise all the rest of my estate in any kind or quality whatsoever, land excepted, to be equarely divided among all my children then living, to them and their heirs forever.

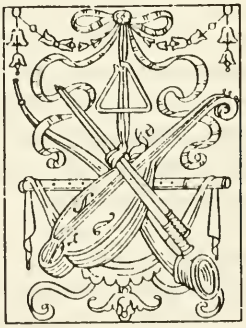
Eleventhly: My will and desire that my pine wood land bought of Co. Jesse Brown, be sold by my three sons, Robert, Mathew Carr and Titus Carr, and the money rising thereby to be wquarely divided among them three, to them and their heirs forever. I do hereby appoint my two sons, Titus Carr and Joshua Carr, my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will, revoking and disannuling all other former Wills by me made, ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness hereof, I, the said Robert Carrhave hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of May and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

Robert Carr,

Last Will and Testament

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for my last Will and Testament

in presence of Henry Stevens, John Everitt, Wm. Curle, Josian Williams.



Pioneer's Graves of Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, Oregon

By Christopher M. Hooper

During a recent trip to the Northwestern states, we found ourselves in Oregon City, OR, terminus of the Oregon Trail. Having a few free moments from our hectic travel schedule, we decided to investigate the Mountain View Cemetery, which reportedly contained the graves of numerous pioneers of the Oregon Trail period. We soon discovered, several headstones in the Pioneer section included inscriptions which stated that the interred had their roots in Virginia.

Between 1841 and 1869, approximately 300,000 people left Missouri bound for Oregon. Most completed the journey to Oregon, some turned back, and at least 20,000 emigrants are buried along the trail — about ten for every mile. Locations of most of these graves are unknown and unmarked. Of the pioneers to Oregon and other western areas, many left families in Virginia.

We have previously published several articles which contained records of people who had left Virginia for other regions. Many times these may contain the clues someone needs for their research of a line which suddenly stops in Virginia and no death records are present. The following headstone inscriptions indicate that these people were born in Virginia and, because of the time period, apparently made their way west on the Oregon Trail, to establish a new life on the frontier.

Located in Block 23 in the northeast section of the cemetery

Z. A. Simmons Born in Virginia June 29, 1812 Died Jan. 5, 1895	Lucinda Simmons Born in Indiana June 19, 1822 Died Oct. 12, 1899

On the side of this monument:

Father and Mother
"Gone but not Forgotten"

Located in the same block adjacent to the above.

Charles Simmons
1851 - 1928

Located on a single large stone in Block 200 in the central section of the cemetery.

Side 1
Mary E. White
wife of
Col. W. L. White
Born in Virginia
September 23, 1822
Died February 20, 1887
aged 64 yrs. 4 ms. 27 days

side 2
Col. W. L. White
Born in Virginia August 16, 1819.
Came to Oregon in 1850.
Died May 3, 1897

side 3
[*not legible*]

side 4
Thomas W. Rhoads
Born in Ohio
August 16, 1832
Came to Oregon 1857
Died February 17, 1885
Aged 52 yrs. 6 mos, 1 day

Located in the same block adjacent to the above.

James E.
son of T. W. & A. E. Rhoades [*sic*]
died May 23, 1865[?]
aged 1 year 2 mos. 24 dys
[*at the bottom in very small letters — probably the stonecutter*]
J. E. Kelly

A brochure at the cemetery entitled *Mountain View Cemetery — A Tour of Graves of Early Pioneers*, provides the following information about Col. White.

> "Born in Virginia in 1819, he arrived in Oregon in 1850, and became very active in territorial, state and local politics throughout most of his later life. By 1854 he had been appointed clerk of the Territorial Legislature, and continued as chief clerk of the Oregon legislature in the 1860s and '70s. He opened the first hotel in Canemah and later operated Cliff House, a major hotel in Oregon City. He was appointed a Clackamas County judge in 1874, a position he held until 1890."

A note at the bottom of the above referenced brochure states, "Researched, written and designed by Patricia Erigero, under the direction of the Oregon City Planning Department. © Copyright, City of Oregon City, 1984."

There may be other headstones in the Mountain View Cemetery which include references to Virginia. Our inquiries at the cemetery office and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City, concerning whether a the inscriptions had been cataloged, were fruitless. It is our intention to further investigate this and present the results in a future issue.

A research suggestion for anyone seeking an individual or family who has disappeared from an area is to trace the migration patterns from that location during the period of time in question. You may well find the people you seek at the "End of the Trail."

Bible of the Williams Family 1773 - 1871

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Editor's Note: The following pages of the Williams Family Bible have been arranged in the order suggested by Robert H. Williams in his signed note. There is an additional page, in a different hand, not mentioned in the note which includes a marriage record for Francis H. Williams (Franney) and a birth record for her son Frances H. Armes.

The Family Register of Ro. H. Williams is kept in the preas=ding Blanks of this Book (i.e). In the first Blank preceding are me & my Wifes Register — Page 15th
2nd Our Daughters Do 23
3d Our Sons P. 25th
4th Our Negroes P. 60
Which may be seen by
[*two illegible words*]
Ro. H. Williams

[*page*]

Robert Hughes Williams son of the Revd John & Francis Williams was Born the 18th day of March 1773 and was Married to wife Nancy C. Ellis the 16th November 1797 ——

Nancy C. Williams Daughter of Capt. Ellison & Mary Ellis & wife of the sd Ro. H. Williams was born the 26th day of May 1776 ——

[*page*]

Polly Ellis. Williams
1st Daughter of Ro. H. & Nancy C. Williams was Born the 31st April 1799 about midnight ——

Franney Hughes Williams 2nd daughter of sd Robt. & Nancy was born friday 29th August 1806 about 10 o'clock at night ——

Martha [*illegible name*] Williams 3d Daughter of sd Robt. & Nancy was born Monday 6th March 1809 about 10 Oclock in the evening ——

Nancy Ellis. Williams 4th Daughter of sd Robt. & Nancy was born thursday 25th July 1812 at 1 o'clock in the evening ——

[*page*]

N[?] Williams 5th Daughter of sd Ro. & Nancy was Born Sunday the 24th April 1814[?] about 10 o'clock in the morning ——

Betty Ann Williams 6th Daughter of sd Ro. & Nancy was Born Monday the 11th September 1820 about 1 Oclock in the Morning ——

[*page*]

John Williams 1st Son of Ro. H. & Nancy C. Williams was born on Saturday 17th October 1801 about 10 O'clock in the morning ———

Robert Hughes Williams 2nd Son of sd Ro. & Nancy was born Sunday the 1st day of January (New years day) 1804 just before midnight ———

William Ellison Williams 3d son of sd Ro. & Nancy was born Saturday 23d November 1816 about 2 oclock in the evening

Robert Hughes Williams Son of the Rev. John and Frances Williams was Born the 18th day of March 1773 and died the 19th of auguste 1823 ——

Nancy C. Williams, Daughter of Capt. Ellison Ellis Was born the 26th day of May 1776 and died 11th March 1848

[*page*]

Negroes
Jim Born August 1803
Lidda Born June 1807
Sal Born [*blank*]
Hannah Born [*blank*]
Hannah died 23*rd* March 1871 Between 80 & 90 years of age ——

[*page*]

Edward Armes and Frances H. Williams was married 29th March 1827 ——
Robert Edward Armes 1st Son of Edward and Frances H. Armes was Born 17th March 1828 ——

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WATKINS, KNIBB: Seek parents of Frances "Frankie" Watkins (1801-1846) and husband Joshua Royall Knibb (c1800-09/1859) who m in Goochland Co, 1 Mar 1821. **Irving M. Groves, III; 4809 Cole Ave., Ste. 145, Dallas, TX 75205**.

MAJOR: Edward Major, Nansemond Co, b c1615, d 1654. Son, John Major, b c1677, d c1737. Bernard Major d c1777. John Major b c1750. Harwood Major b c1765. John Major b 1785, d 1844. Harwood Major b 1807, m Cleopatra Tinsley. Spotswood A. Major. Walter Pendlton Major. Seek confirmation/lineage. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662**.

WHITMEL, BRYAN, PUGH, SAVAGE: Seek VA ancs of 1730s Bertie Co, NC Col. Thomas Whitmel Sr; wife Elizabeth Hunter Bryan; dau Mary Whitmel m James Pugh Sr, son of Col. Francis Pugh Jr and Ferebee Savage of Bertie. Does Elizabeth desc Capt William Hunter via son Robert Hunter of Bertie Co? **J. A. L. Miller, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328**.

FORBES, JONES: Which one of George Forbes' (d 1768/69 Rowan Co, NC) sons was the father of Hannah Forbes (Furbush) who m Abner Jones in Grayson or Montgomery Co 1788? How was Abner related to Minitree Jones of same cos. Seek correspond James Jones descs (son of Minitree). **Blanche Tompkins, 360 W. 20th St., San Bernardino, CA 92405**.

TALBOT, ARTHUR: Researching family of Martha Talbot (b 1740 Bedford Co, d after 1802 Wilkes Co, GA) m Barnabas Arthur 1755 Bedford Co. Martha dau of Matthew Talbot and Jane Clayton. Ch of Martha: William, Lucy, Martha, Matthew, Talbot, and Jane Arthur. Send SASE for free Family Group Record sheet. **Ted Brooke, 2055 Foster Dr., Cumming, GA 30130**.

MOSELEY, CLYBURN: Seek VA origin Reddick Moseley in Robeson Co, NC with William Clyburn. Both to Kershaw Co, SC. 1850 Census shows Reddick b 1767, d 1852, m 1795 Nancy, dau of William Clyburn. Also seek info Richard Wood, will probated Brunswick Co 1746, named dau Susan m John Adams. **Miss Catharine Bass, 12 Wactor St., Sumter, SC 29150-4543**.

BRYANT: Wish to correspond with descs of Thomas B. Bryant (1778-1841) and wife Sarah Womack (1779-1822) of Pr Geo Co. He established Mt. Sinai Methodist Church in 1821. **Irene Marks Rupp, 132 Burroughs Dr., Snyder, NY 14226**.

CARR, WILLIAMS: Seek parents/gr-ch of Robert Carr d 1773 Nansemond Co, and wife Mary Williams dau of Richard, Sarah Williams. Who was Robert Carr son of Robert d 1735 Isle of Wight Co, and Robert Carr son-in-law of John Lawrence d 1738/49 and his wife Margaret? **Martha Mewborn Marble, 1377 Independence Ave. SE, Washington DC 20003**.

BANTON, DUNKUM: Seek data on Robert Thomas Banton of Buckingham Co who m Judith Fanny Dunkum c1880. Wish to correspond with anyone descending from or researching this family. **Ruby Talley Smith, 1429 Decatur St., Baltimore, MD 21230-5212**.

JOHNS: Seek exact location/boundaries, "Parsonage," Powhatan Co, in/near "Caesartown," any graveyards there; William R. Johns owner 1859-1878; seek Johns' exact birthplace/date/parents/residences before-after "Parsonage." Info on dau(?) "Mrs. Raines of Swansboro," and connection to William H. Wash. Will share data on Johns' descs. **Michael E. Pollock, 6419 Colts Neck Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111-4233**.

HOWARD: Seek descs/info on a William Howard who went to Manakintown, Goochland Co with the Huguenots in the early 1700's. Believe some ch went to Brunswick Co. **Bess H. Howard, 1605 B Berry Rose Ct., Frederick, MD 21701**.

CAVENDER, COMPTON: Hugh Cavender's 1784 Amelia Co will probated 1789 Charlotte Co, names wife Frances, ch: Joseph; Elizabeth (Betsy m Jeremiah Compton 1784 Amelia); Sarah (Sally m Jeremiah's bro Archibald Compton 1784 Amelia); William; James (prob m Betsy Sammons 1793 Lunenburg Co); Hezekiah; Stephen; John. Seek info on descs. **Don Houk c/o K-Line America, 333 Market, 25th floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-2102**.

BYASSEE, WINFREY: Seek info on John Henry Byassee b c1800 Nottoway Co, m Elvira Catherine Winfrey 1827 Lunenburg Co. Possible sibs of John: Charles Biasse/Byassee; Thomas C.; Mary m Nicolas Burnette. Is John

Byassee, b c1750 Amelia Co, m Edy Westbrook, possibly the father of John Henry Byassee? **Patricia H. Sims, 111 Suthon Ave., Houma, LA 70364.**

BONDURANT, CARTER, FLANNIGAN: Frances Lucinda Bondurant was b 6 Aug 1833 Henry Co. Her parents were John William Bondurant and Esther Flannigan, both said to have been b Henry Co. Seek additional info on the Bondurant and Flannigan families. **Jane S. Fairburn, 314 Palmer Ln., Albany, GA 31707.**

DOSS, CREWS, DILLARD: Seek info on William Doss b 1875 Pittsylvania Co, d c1815, m 29 April 1812 Pittsylvania Co to Martha "Patsy" Crews. Had sons: James Andrew b 15 Aug 1813; William b 1815. She m/2 Nicholas Dillard. Did Wm Sr serve in War 1812? **Barbara Doss McKinlay, 2740 LaCuesta Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046.**

CRUTE, MILLER, CROWDER: Seek info on w/1 of Dabney Miller Amelia Co (d 1831) and w/2 Polly Crowder (d 1833). Ch: William A.; Ryland; Sally (Miller) Crute; Elizabeth (Miller) Womack; Dabney P.; Mary B.; Martha M.; Charlton; Anderson; Armstead. Sally (Miller) Crute was my gg-grmother. **Dorothy (Crute) Groh, 12181 Baxley St., Spring Hill, FL 34609.**

MALONE, BAXTER: Descend Capt Edward Malone Sr Mobile, AL; son of Thomas Malone of St. Stephens, AL; son of Wood Malone of Warren Co, NC and Bersheba Baxter. Was Wood the son of John Malone of Dinwiddie Co? Seek Wood's mother. How was he kin to Capt. (Rev.) Bennett Wood? **J. A. L. Miller, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328.**

HART: Seek husband/parents/ch of Jenet Hart of Nansemond/Southampton Co. Census 1790. Were: John; Drewry; wife of Nathanial Land; and wife of Lawrence P. Carr her children? **Martha Mewborn Marble, 1377 Independence Ave. SE, Washington DC, 20003.**

SPROUSE, CARTER: Amelia Ann Sprouse b Henry Co 1804, m Elijah Carter (b c1784 Henry Co) in Henry Co 1818. Both said to have d Patrick Co. Seek parents of Amelia. Also seek info on Elijah Carter, son of Abraham Carter. **Jane S. Fairburn, 314 Palmer Ln., Albany, GA 31707.**

ROBINSON, JOHNSTON: "Lebanon": Clack Robinson of Warren Co, NC and Ann Johnston (residence not known) were m 1 Oct 1828 "at Lebanon near Norfolk." Where is/was Lebanon? Was it a town/settlement/church or a residence? **Barbara H. Browder, 4400 Cheyenne Rd., Richmond, VA 23235.**

SEAY, DUNKUM: Seek data on Thomas T. Seay b 1849 who m Mary Elizabeth Dunkum (b 1845 Buckingham Co). Known ch: Martha; Mary; Annie; Joseph; and Richard Seay. Seek to correspond with anyone descending from or researching this family. **Ruby Talley Smith, 1429 Decatur St., Baltimore, MD 21230-5212.**

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LOST BOY

The following court order from Mecklenburg County, NC, was submitted by subscriber Herman W. Ferguson. While researching for a book on Mecklenberg County, North Carolina records, which will be available in the near future, Mr. Ferguson came upon this record which refers to Virginia. He states:

The court at its sitting on Thursday, 11 April 1782 orders that a boy of nine or ten be returned to his nearest kin in Virginia. How Master James Fort (alias Rivers) came to be in Mecklenberg County, NC, is a detail that we may never know. My guess is that he ran away from home, that his nearest of kin has been identified, and to whom he is being returned by order of Court. The cost of this return was not inconsiderable given that he is being returned under the care of Benjamin Mayberry and probably required the use of two horses. But that the Court took the time to order his return, was solicitous of his care enroute, and did not simply order the clerk to dispatch a letter to his kin indicates a high sense of concern on the part of the Justices. And this at a time when there was no end of demands being made upon it for the relief of all sorts of problems. In the Fall of 1780, Cornwallis had compared the Mecklenbergers to a hornets nest, and was yet to pass through the state to Virginia where, wonder of wonders, Washington and the French fleet would join forces to end his depredations at Yorktown.

The minutes are in the hand of no less a person than John McKnitt Alexander — how he found time to manage his own considerable affairs and leave such a paper trail of his public work is beyond me. The solicitous phrasing of the Court Order may be his personal concern. The chances are very high against it, but it would be very nice indeed for some indefatigable Fort researcher to add this interesting detail regarding one of their clan.

The court order reads:

> Ordered that Benjamin Mabury receive into his care A Certain Supp. Orphant boy of 9 or 10 Years old Named James Fort (alias Rivers) & him Safely Convey into the State of Virg,[a] and there deliver him to his nearest of kin, so that he may receive his patrimony. & that he may endeavor to Clothe & Support s[d] boy so that he don't Suffer on s[d] Journey.

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EDITORIAL

We're late, and we apologize. Several factors have contributed to the lateness of this issue. We won't go into all of the details, but the terms broken bones, tennis elbow, and computers may give you a hint. It seems like everything has collaborated to keep Issue 4 from getting to you at the usual time.

We know you anxiously await each issue, because we get letters and calls when they don't appear on time, for whatever reason. It is most gratifying to know that you look forward to what we publish. As we have stated before, we try very hard to minimize any delays. You can be assured that we will continue to work our hardest to see that *The Southside Virginian* reaches you expediently.

That being said, we hope that you will note that it is once again RENEWAL TIME. Look at the subscription expiration date on your address label of this issue. If your subscription expired on 10/30/94 (with this Volume XII, No. 4 issue), please fill out the renewal form on the back of the insert, and return with $20 in the enclosed addressed envelope. Please note that our subscription rate will remain the same for 1995. But, with postage and printing costs continuing to climb, there is no guarantee that the rates can stay the same the following year. Why not renew now for two or three years? You will lock in the current subscription rate, and will not have to bother renewing for several years. Also, remember that gift subscriptions to your local genealogical or historical society or library are more than likely tax deductible, and will be gratefully received.

Another gift idea at this time of year is a set of back issues for all of the previous years of publication of *The Southside Virginian*. Information in publications such as *The Southside Virginian* never becomes dated due to its genealogical and historical nature. A complete set of all issues through 1994 (that's 48 issues, over 2300 pages) sells for $345 including postage. Until March 1, 1995, we will also include a copy of our 250 page composite *Table of Contents and Indexes to VOLS I through VIII*. This book normally sells for $28 including postage. This combination would make a fine addition to any library either private or public.

Thank you for your previous support, we hope you continue to subscribe to the only serial publication dealing entirely with Southside Virginia. We assure you that we will continue to maintain the standards which have been established during our years of publishing *The Southside Virginian*.

Chris Hooper
Publication Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following books may be ordered from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687. Please include $3 postage for one book, $1 for each additional book. Sales tax: Maryland residents 5%; Michigan residents 4%.**

Jackie Smith Arnold, *Kinship, It's All Relative*, 109 pp; illus; charts; paper (6x9); 2nd Ed., 1994. $9.95. See ordering information above. "Next of kin." We see that phrase on various forms and applications which we fill out from time to time. Are we sure that the person whose name we enter is really the legal closest realtive? This book provides an extensive study of the laws and practices governing familial relationships of all kinds. This second edition of the original book published in 1990 explores the origins and types of blood kinships as well as legal kinship with respect to adoptions, foundlings, orphans, and foster relationships. There are many tables and charts included to provide the reader with a visual description of the relational architecture. Many new topics are discussed in this expanded second edition. These topics include "Names," "Wills," and "Kinship and Your Health." This is a most thorough evaluation of the subject of kinship and the legal aspects associated therewith. If you've ever wondered about the difference in relationship between a third cousin and a first cousin three-times removed, this is the book for you.

John Rowlands, et al, *Welsh Family History, A Guide to Research*, xii; 316 pp; map; illus; index; paper (6x9); 1994. $19.95. See ordering information above. Are you researching ancestors from Wales? Have you had any luck in that research? If the answer is no, then this book may provide you with the keys you need. According to the introduction, "the poor survival rate for many key records and the unique social, cultural, religious and linguistic characteristics which have prevailed in Wales over the centuries require a radically different attitude and approach to many aspects of research." Specialists in all areas of Welsh research were enlisted to write separate chapters dealing with their area of expertise. Twenty-three chapters are provided which will guide the researcher through such pitfalls as surnames, placenames, language, church records, estate records, etc. The compilation of the work was expertly overseen by John Rowlands, under the auspices of the Association of Family History Societies of Wales. If your trail ever leads to Wales, you should have this book on your shelf.

Thomas Jay Kemp, *International Vital Records Handbook*, xi; 417 pp; applications; forms; paper (8½x11); 3rd Ed., 1994. $29.95. See ordering information above. We just found the family bible of a distant relation and in it there is mention of the death date of our second great grandmother and the place of her death. We know that this occurred during the time when death certificates were recorded. Who do we write for a copy of the certificate? How much money do we send? What information do they need? These questions are all answered in the *International Vital Records Handbook*. Not only are the questions answered, but an application form is provided for you to fill out and send off. It could not be easier. Mr. Kemp has compiled the available information not only for all of the United States and Territories but for the countries of the world as well. As a result of the ever changing status of the world community, this up-to-date compilation is invaluable to the researcher seeking records overseas. For those seeking recorded documentation in the United States, this book is a "must have."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FAIRFAX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (FXGS) ANNOUNCES the publication of their new book, *Fairfax County, Gravestones Volume 1 Northern Section: Great Falls, McLean, Oakton, Vienna and Surrounding Areas*. This Volume deals with genealogical data abstracted from gravestones found in the northern part of Fairfax County. The cemeteries are listed geographically by current postal addresses. An everyname index is included. Price is $20 plus $3 shipping for the first book, $1.50 for each additional book. Order from **Fairfax Genealogical Society, PO Box 2290, Merrifield, VA 22116-2290.**

SHELTON THOMAS BELSCHES, SR. ANNOUNCES the publication of *Shendy Tondy Betty - The Belsches Family, from Scotland to Virginia*, ii; 125 pp; paper (8½x11), 1991, Add. 1992. For information, contact the author at **Invermay, 3315 Deep Bottom Rd., Hopewell, VA 23860.**

PAW PRINTS, INC. ANNOUNCES publication of *The Jacob Engelbrecht Marriage Ledger of Frederick County, Maryland, 1820-1890*. Published with the permission of the Historical Society of Frederick County, these little known documents not only include the date and the names of the bride and groom, but notes parents, siblings, occupations, and religious affiliation. Mr. Engelbrecht also included black marriages as well. An everyname and place index is included. The book is priced at $15 plus 5% Maryland tax

and $2 shipping. To order contact **Paw Prints, Inc., PO Box 52, Monrovia, MD 21770.**

THOMAS H. ALDRIDGE ANNOUNCES the publication of *Cuthbertson Families of Mecklenburg and Union Counties of North Carolina 1711-1992.* Researched for twenty years by L. F. Cuthbertson, Jr., the book is over 400 pages long and includes the families of Conder, Griffin, Monteith, Ross, Russell, Scott, Sikes, Simpson, and others. This book is priced at $35 plus $3 shipping. For ordering information contact **Thomas H. Aldridge, 7605 Water Oak Lane, Monroe, NC 28110**. Phone **(803) 672-3995 (work) or (704) 753-4487 (home).**

T. L. C. GENEALOGY ANNOUNCES *Halifax County, Virginia, Deeds, 1784-1790.* This book has detailed abstracts of all 956 documents that were recorded in Halifax County Deed Books Nos. 13 and 14, including many deeds that were written before 1784, some much before 1784. These are large deed books — they mention 4217 different people and 1574 unique surnames, and refer to people from 35 other Virginia counties, 9 of which are burned record counties. There is a full index, and an index of surnames keyed to the soundex code. 240 pages, map, 8½x11, paper, spiral bound, $20 postpaid. Please order from **T. L. C. Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369.**

THE FIRST ANNUAL 4 CORNERS ANCESTOR FAIR held July 23, 1994, in Fayetteville, Arkansas exceeded the organizers' wildest expectations. A crowd estimated to be in excess of 1,000, representing 17 states, gathered at the day long event sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society (Arkansas). The name 4 Corners, intended to represent the four states of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas, came to mean the 4 Corners of the country.

Ann Sugg, chairman of 4 Corners, announced that plans are underway for the 1995 fair, which will be held July 21 and 22 in Springdale, Arkansas. Those wishing to receive information on the fair may send an SASE to: **4 Corners, 509 W. Spring St., Fayetteville, AR 72701**. To contact Sugg directly call **(501) 521-2020** or write her at **PO Box 1244, Fayetteville, AR 72702.**

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Bedford County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

Bedford County Court Order Book 1A - 1754-1758

[p.1] May Court 1754 - Bedford County -

At the Court held for Bedford County at the House of Matthew Talbot on the 5th day of May in the 27th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord God 1754

Present John Payne
William Callaway
John Smith Junr.
Zach. Isbel
Robert Page
Thos. Pullin
Edward Manion Gentlemen

A Commission of the Peace for this County Directed to the above Mentioned Gentlemen & other and a *Dedimus Potestatum* for administring the oaths &c Bearing Date the 20th day of this Instant were this day oppenly Read Whereupon the said Zachary Isbel & Robert Page administred the oaths apppointed by act of Parliment to be taken Insted of the oaths allegiance & Suppremisy and the Abjuration oath unto John Payne which they took & then Subscribed the abjuration oath as also *Teste* & then the said Zachariah Isbel & Robert Page administred to the said John Payne the oath of a Justice of Peace & the oath of Justice of the County Court in Chancery which they Likewise took & then the said John Payne administred the said Oath appointed to be Taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance & Supremisy unto the said William Callaway John Smith Junr. Zachariah Isbel Robert Page Thomas Pullin & Edmund Manion who in Like Manner took the same & Subscribed the said Abjuration oath & *Teste* & then the said John Payne Administred to them the oath of a Justice of Peace & the oath of a Justice of the County Court in Chancery which they Likeside Took

The Court being thus Constituted

[p.2] Benjamin Howard Gentleman Produced a Commission from the Honorable Thomas Nelson Esqr. Secretary of this Colony to be Clerk of this Court During Pleasure & thereupon the said Howard having first taken the oath appointed by Act of Parliment to be taken Istead of the oaths of Allegiance & Supremisy & Taken & Subscribed the abjuration oath & Subscirbed the *Teste* was Sworn Clerk of This Court Accordingly

John Harvey Clement Read & James Cary Gentleman having Produced in Court under the Hands & Seals of Certain Examiners Licence to Practice as Attorney which being Read and having took & Subscribed the Usual oath to his Majestys Persons & Government & also Subscirbed the *Teste* took the oath opppointed to be taken by Attornies Practicing in the County Court.

Clement Read Gentleman Produced a Commission from the Governor to Procecute for the Crown in this County & Having this day in Court took & Subscribed the Ussual oaths to his Majestys Person & Goverment & also Subscribed *Teste* took the oath appointed to be Taken by Attornys for the Crown in the County Court.

A Commission from the honourable Lieutenant Governor to John Smith Junr. Gentleman to be Sherif of the County During Pleasure was Produced in Court by the said John Smith & Read Whereupon the said John Smith made oth according to Law that he Count not Get security for his said Office.

Matthew Talbot John Anthony John Phelps & John Sutton & Richard Callaway Gentlemen being Person Mentioned in the Commission of the Peace for this County & Having Refused to Qualifie Ordered that it be so Represented to His Honour the Governor & that they again together with Robert Ewings & Joseph Ray Gent. Be Recommended to his Honour the Governor as Proper Persons to be added to the Commission of Peace for this County.

Ordered that it be Represented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief of this Colony that John Smith Junr. Glman. who was Commission to be Sherif of this County Could not get

[p.3] Security for said Office & that Joseph Ray Matthew Talbot & Robert Ewing be Recommended to His Honour the Governor as Proper & fit Persons to be Sheriffs of this County

Matthew Talbot John Anthony John Phelps, William Callaway, Zachariah Isbel Edmund Manion & Thomas Pullin Gentleman are Desired & appointed to Take the List of Tiths for this Year.

Signed John Payne

At the Court held for Bedford County July the 22nd in the 28th year of the Reign of our Sovereign lord George the second by the Grace of God

of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &ce & in the Year of our Lord God 1754

Present William Callaway
Zachariah Isbel
Thomas Pullin and
Edmund Manion Gentlemen

A Commission of the Peace for this County Directed to John Payne, Matthew Talbott, John Phelps, John Anthony, William Callaway, John Smith Jr., Zachariah Isbel, Robert Page, John Sutton, Thomas Pullin, Edmund Manion, Richard Callaway, Robert Ewings, and Joseph Ray Gentleman as also a *Dedimus Potestatum* for administring the oaths &c Bearing date the 17th day of June Last Past were this day openly Read in Court whereupon the said John Sutton & Thomas Pullin administred the oath Appointed by Act of Parliment to be taken Instead of the oaths Allegiance and Supremisy & the abjuration oath unto the said John Phelps Gentleman, which he took & then Subscribed the [p.4] abjuration oath as also *Teste* & then the said John Sutton & Thomas Pullin administred unto the said John Phelps the oath of a Justice of Peace & the oath of Justice of the Court in Chancery which he Likewise took & then the said John Phelps administred the oath appointed by Act of Parliment to be taken instead of the oath of Allegiance & Suppremisy unto the said William Callaway, Zachary Isbel, John Sutton, Thomas Pullin, Edmund Manion, Richard Callaway, Robert Euings & Joseph Ray, who in Like manner took the same & Subscirbed the said Abjuration oath & the *Teste* & then the said John Phelps administred to them the said oath of a Justice of Peace & the oath of a Justice in County Court in Chancery which they Likewise took

The Court being thus Constituted

An Indenture of Feoffment Between William Mead of the one Part and William Boyd of the other Part acknowledged William Mead & Ordered to be Recorded.

An Indenture of Feoffment Between Glidwell Orril and Sarah his Wife of the one Part & William Callaway Together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon Indorsed were Proved by the oaths of John Callaway, Thos. Gaddy & Benjamin Orrick Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded.

Benjamin Howard Gentl. is appointed & Desired to Imploy a Workman to make a Press for Preservation of the Records of this County and that he be Alowed for the same at the laying the next Levy for this County.

A Commission from the Honourable Leiutenant Governor to Joseph Ray Gent. to be sheriff of this County was Produced in Court by the said Ray and

there upon he together with Obediah Woodson, Turner Hunt Chistiam, Richard Birk, John Partree Birks, Edward Watts Junr., James Walker and Thomas Walker, Benjamin Orrick, Joseph Mayses & John Goad his Securities entered into and acknowlegded their Bond for the said Ray's due Proformance of his Office, which is Ordered to be Recorded and then the said Ray took and Subscribed the Usual Oaths to his Majesty's Person and Government & Subscribed the *Teste* and also took the oath of Sherif of this County and the oath appointed by the Tobacco Law.

[p.5] William Irvine having Taken the Ussual Oaths to his Majestys Person & Government and Subscribed the Abjuration Oath & *Teste* was on the Motion of Jospeh Raye Gent. Sherif of this County sworn and Admitted his Under sheriff and then the said William Irvine took the oaths appointed by the Tobacco Law.

Charles Cupples Gent. having Produced in Court Licence under the Hands and seals of Certain Examners to Practice as Attorny which being Read and having took and subscribed the Usual oaths to his Majesty's Person and Government and also Subscribed the *Teste* took the oaths appointed to be taken by Attorneys Practicing in the County Courts.

An Indenture of feoffment Between Obediah Woodson of the one Part and James Walker of the other Part together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen and Receipt thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by the said Obediah Woodson to be his Act & Deed and Ordered to be Recorded.

An Indenture of Bargain & Sale Between Obediah Woodson of the one Part and Joel Walker of the other Part together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen and Receipt thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by the said Joel Walker & Ordered to be Recorded.

On the Motion of William Mead who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Letters of Administration of the Estate of John Mead Decd. he giving Security whereupon he togther with Henry Haynes his Security entered into and acknowledged bond in the Penalty of £200 Current Money of Virginia for his Due administration of the said Decedents Estate.

Ordered that Joseph Ray Gent. Impress a Sufficent Number of Persons as shall be Sufficient to gueard Such Person as shall be from time to time Arrested and Taken into Custody in this County.

Ordered that Henry Hanes, Stephen English, William Verdeman and John Richardson or any 3 of them (being first sworn before a Justice of his County) appraise in Current Money the slaves (if any) and Personal Estate of John Mead Decd. and Return the appraisement to the Court.

On the Petition of John Henslee and Others for a Road from the Island ford on Stanton River by the Mouth of Black Water River

[p.6] to the Road at the Meadow of Goose Creek which is granted and Henry Haynes is appointed Surveyor thereof Ordered that he together with all the Persons Petitioning for the same and their Male Labouring Tithables do forthwith lay open Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Ordered the sherif of this County Summon those Persons who have this day behaved in a Riotous Manner in Court to appear tomorrow to answer for the same.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 10 'O Clock. Signed John Phelps

[p.7] - July Court 1754 -

At a Court Continued and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 22rd day of July 1754 and in the 28th year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the second

Present John Phelps
William Callaway
Zach. Isbell
John Sutton
Thomas Pullen
Edmund Manion
Richd. Callaway
& Robt. Ewing Gentlemen Justices

Timothy Daulton, John Lawson Junr. & Henry Hendrickson are appointed and Desired to view a way Petitioned for from Stanton River to Otter River & Make Report to next Court the conveniency or inconvenience thereof

Ordered that Licence be granted unto Matthew Talbot to keep Ordinary at his House in this County for the space of one year he having Complyed with what the Law Requires in this Case.

Sackfeild Mehone is appointed Surveyor of the Road from the Fish dam on Otter River to the Dirt Bridge Ordered that he Together with John Adams Thomas Pitman Saml. Drake, John Cheasman, William Thomson, William Watkins, Ike Adkins Wm. Irvine, John Anthony, Mattw. Talbot, John Payne, John Richardson, John Snow, William Arther, & all Persons Within those Bound and their Male Labouring Tithables do forthwith Clear & keep the same in Repair according to Law.

George Rust is appointed Surveyor of the Road from the Dirt Bridge to the Poplar Spring, Ordered that he Together with all the Hands below Christopher

Irvines (& on flatt Creek to John Richardsons) to the said Springs Includ'g the said Irvines do forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

William Callaway Gentl. having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of William Simmons and the said Attachmt. Being Returned Executed on a Mare of the Estate of the said Simmons and the said Simmons not appearing to Replevy the said Attached Effects and the said William Callaway having Proved his Account by his own Oath, Therefor it is Considered by the Court that the said William Callaway Recover against the said William Simmons the sum of

[p.8] £2.S17.d3 and his Costs by him in this behalf Expended and it is Ordered that the sheriff make sale of the Attached Effects according to Law and Return an Account thereof to the next Court.

George Currie is appointed Constable in this County and the said Currie took the oath of a Constable and all the oaths appointed by Act of Assembly and his Precin[c]ts on the North side of Otter River from the Mouth of Flatt Creek.

James Ayres is appointed a Constable of this County who took the oath of a Constable and all other Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly and his Precin[c]ts on the south side of Otter River.

Matthew Talbot's Storehouse is appointed for a Prison for this County 'till a house for that Purpose can be Built for that Purpose Whereupon Joseph Ray Gent. Sheriff of this County Protests against the Unsufficency of the said House for all escapes that may be made by Reason thereof and it is Ordered that he summon a Sufficent Number of Persons to guard such Persons as shall be Committed to the said Prison.

Arden Evans Jonathan Burleson, John Eckols, William Carr, Richard Birks & John Partree Birks who were Summoned to appear here this day to answer for their Riot Yesterday for Reasons appearing to the Court are Excused.

Ordered that the sherif of this County make application to his Honour the Governor for a Writ of Adjournment to adjourn this Court from the House of Matthew Talbot Gentl. to the house of William Callaway Gent. on the Main Road on Buffelow Run near his Mill.

Ordered that the sherif of this County wate on the Printer for 14, Compleat, Body of the Laws, for the use of the Justices of this County and that he be allowed for his Trouble in Bringing them up at the laying the Levy.

The Court doth Lay out Alot all the Land down to the Meadow behind the Prison to a Bottom that Runs back of the said Courthouse and up the said [Bottom] to the fence Thence along the said Fence Including the Courthouse

[p.9] to the Gate thence by a Strate Line to the Meadow including All the Dwelling houses of Mattw. Talbot for the Prison bounds.

Ordered that Rates of Liquours for this year be Established as Followeth, to wit,

Good Barbados Rum	Pt Gallon	£.10.-
Punch mad[e] with Leaf Sugar	Pt Quart	1.3
New England Rum Pt Gallon	Pt Gallon	4.-
Whisky	Pt Gallon	5.-
Briston Strong Bear	Pt Bottle	1.6
Peach Brandy	Pt Gallon	6.-
Medera Wine	Pt Gallon	10.-
Clarret	Pt Quart	5.-
French Brandy	Pt Gallon	1. .
Arrach	Pt Gallon	2. .
Virginia Cyder	Pt Gallon	2.
English Cyder	Pt Quart	1.6
a Cold Diet		.7½
a Half Diet with small Bear		1.-
Diet for a Servant		.6
Corn or [Oath] Gallon		.6
Pasturage for a Horse 24 Hours		.6
Stablage and Fodder Pt Night		.6
Lodging with Clean Sheets		.6

Ordered the sheriff of this County summon Jonathan Burnlison John Burleson & William Carr to appear at next Court to shew cause why they should not be fined for their Contempt in not Assisting James Ayrse a Constable in the Execution of his office.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till Court in Course

Sign'd John Phelps

[p.10] August Court 1754 - Bedford County -

At the Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 26th day of A'gust 1754 and in the 28th year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the second.

Present John Phelps
William Callaway
Zach. Isbel
John Sutton
Edmd. Manion

Richd. Callaway
& Robt. Ewings Gentlemen Justices

An Indenture of Feoffment Between William Callaway Gentl. of the one Part and Edmund Manion Gentl. of the other Part Together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by the said William Callway and Ordered to be Recorded.

Anne the wife of William Mead came into Court (and being first Privily Examined according to Law) Freely and Voluntarily Relinquished her Right of Dower in and to 400 Acres of Land Conveyed by a Certain Indenture of Feoffment by her said Husband to William Boyd and Ordered to be Recorded.

George Walton Petitioner against Wiliam Vadin Defendant on a Petition This day came as well the Petitioner by his Attorney as the said Defendant in his Proper Person and the said Defendant saith he Cannot Gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand for the sum of £3.S2 Current Money Whereupon it is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner Recover against the said Defendant the said sum of £3.S2 and his Costs by him about his Suit in that Behalf Expended.

A Deed Poll from Henry Cockerham to John Phelps Gentl. is Proved by the oaths of George Walton, Paul Carrington & Robert Baber Witness thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded.

An Indenture of Bargan and Sale Between Thomas Price and Sarah his wife of the one Part and John Mckey of the other Part is acknowledged by the said Thomas Price & Sarah his wife the said Sarah being first Privily Examined

[p.11] as the Law Directs, and a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen & Receipt hereon Indorsed, were also acknowledged by the said Thomas Price and Together with the said Indenture are Ordered to be Recorded.

An Indenture of Bargain and Sale Between George Walton of the one Part and Benjamin Howard of the other Part Together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen hereon Indorsed were acknowledge by the said George Walton and Ordered to be Recorded.

On the Petition of Michael Prewit & Others Ordered that a Road be Clear'd the best and Most Convenient way from Thomases Ferry on Stanton River into Randolp[h]s Rolling Road, and Joseph Williams is appointed surveyor thereof & It is Ordered that he Together with the said Michael Prewit, Jonas Lawson, John Lawson, Wm. Hayth, James Milwood, Joseph Williams, Jas. Nix, Francis Luck, Charles Talbot, James Hancock & their Tiths do forthwith lay open Clear & keep the same in Repair According to Law.

An Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of John Mead Decd. was Return'd & Ordered to be Recorded.

Charles Talbot Francis Luck & Benjamin Gilbert are appointed and Desired to veiw a way Petitioned for from Little Falling River in to Paynes Road & make Report to the next Court the Convenience or Inconveniency thereof.

An Identure of Feoffment Between Benjain Orrick of the one Part and William Stone of the other Part and a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen & Receipt thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by the said Benjamin Orrick to be his Acts and Deed And Ordered to be Recorded.

Thomas Prather, Benjamin Orrick & William Harvey are appointed and Directed to View a way Petitoned for from Otter River by Anthony Pates to the Extent of the County and make Report to the Next Court the Conveniency or inconveniency thereof.

Thomas Dunkan & Peirce Cody and their Male Labouring Tithables are added to the Hands Belonging to the Road whereof Henry Haynes is Surveyor.

[p.12] John Mckie is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Otter River to Goose Creek and it is Ordered that he together with all the Hands Convenient below the said Goose Creek Do forthwith clear and keep the same in Repair according to Law.

William Mead is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Goose Creek to Stanton River and it is Ordered that he Together with all the hands Convenient do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Joseph Ray is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Stanton River to Maggotty Creek Ordered that he together with all the hands Convenient below the said Maggotty Creek do forthwith Clear And keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Joseph Renfro is appointed surveyor of the Road from Maggotty Creek

to the Extent of the County and it is Ordered that he Together with the hands Convenient Above the said Maggoty Creek do forthw[ith] Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

On the Motion of John Stanley, Wm. Stanley & Philemon Noble they are added to the List of Tithables Taken by Charles Talbot Gentl.

On the Motion of James Ayres Constable his Precincts is laid off on the South side of Pates Road to Otter River.

James Orrick is appointed a Constable and his Precincts, to wit

on the North side Pates Road extending to the Blue Ridge and the County Line, and it is Ordered that the sherif Summon him to appear at Next Court to Take the Oath of the said Office.

On the Motion of Richard Callaway the Order of Lunenburgh Court for a Road therein Mentioned is Established according to the said Order.

James Johnson & Saml. Hairston Petitioners against Thomas Watts Defendant on a Petition This day came the Parties by their Attornies and the matter fully heard on both sides whereupon it is the Oppinion of the Court that the said Petitioners Recover against the said Defendant the sum of £1.S10 and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended and a Lawyers fee.

A Recantation from Jester Cox to John Mead is Exhibited in Court by William Mead and Proved by the Oaths of

[p.13] John Richardson and on the Motion of the said William Mead the same is admitted to Recorded.

William Mead Plaintiff against Jos. Clements Defendant on an Attachment For Reasons appearing to the Court this Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Thomas Snow having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of Samuel Watkins and John Currie a Constable of this County having Return'd that he had Executed the said Attachment on one Riffle Gun; of the Estate of the said Samuel Watkins and the said Samuel Watkins was Solemnly Call'd and did not appear whereupon the said Thomas Snow made Oath that the sum of £1.S11.d3 was Justly due to him from the said Samuel Watkins. Therefor it is Considered by the Court that the said Thomas Snow recover against the said Saml. Watkins the said £1.S11.d3 and his Costs by him in this Behalf Expended and it is Ordered that the sherif make Sale of the Attached Effects and make Return thereof to the next Court.

Timothy Dalton Petitioner against George Walton Deft. on a Petition The Sheriff having made return that the Defendant is no Inhabitant of this County. It is Ordered ths Petition abate.

William Bennet Plaintiff against John Partree Birks Deft. in T. A. Battery For Reasons appearing to the Court that the said Defendant Recover against the said Plaintiff his Costs by him about his Defence in that Behalf Expended and that the said Defendant go thereof without d'ay, and the said Plaintiff for his false Clamour be in Mercy &c.

Arthur Bearding Plaintiff against William Carr Defent. in Trespass Assault & Battery the Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute his suit it is Ordered that the same be Dismissed.

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Chesterfield County Chancery Suit - 1791-1792
Peter Beasley vs Executors of Benjamin Beasley
Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

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To the worshipful Justices of Chesterfield County in Chancery Sitting, Humbly Complaining, Shew unto your worships your orator, Peter Beasley, Eldest son legatee and heir of his father Benja. Beasley late of this County dec$^{d.}$ That your orators said father Benja. Beasley made and publish his last will and Testament in writing on or about 12 day of [*illegible*] 1781 and Departed this life [*illegible*] after without altering or revoking the same. That the said Testator Did also in and by his said Will, appoint, Matthew Cheatham Esq., James Ferguson, Danl Horner, Peter Beasley and Stephen Beasley his Executors, and that the said Matthew Cheatham Esq. and some others of the said Executors hath Caused the said Will of the Testator to be proved and Recorded in this Court and Taken on themselves the burden and Execution thereof.

That the said Testator did in and by his said will leave to his wife Obediance the plantation whereon she then lived and the four following Negroes Named nell, moses, Jack and Bowser during her life, and after her Death for the said four negroes to be Equally Divided Between or among his children, as soon as yr orator arrived at the age of Twenty one years. That the said Testators wife Departed this life in a short Time after the Death of the Testator; and that the Testator had living at the time of his Death Eight children to wit yr. orator, Danl. Beasley, Saml Beasley, Thos. Beasley, Susanah Beasley, Tabitha Beasley, Obediance Beasley, and Bestsey [*Betsey*] Beasley, and that the said, Saml, Tabitha and Betsey all three Departed this life soon after the Death of their father and unmarried._____

and that yr orator is now and has been for some Time Twenty one years old. That the said Testator did after leaving his wife the above legacy for live and Directing in what manner the s^{d} four negroes should be Divided

after her Death, and Divising and Giving his land to his sons, "he then, Directs that the remainder of his Estate, Consisting of negroes, money, Stock and Everything Else to him appertaining he leaves to be Equally Divided among ~~my~~ his other children, both son's and Daughters at the Time of yr orator arrived at the age of manhood._____ and then prosceded in the latter part of his will to Direct that if Either of his sons should Die under age that their proportion of land to go to the Surviving brothers Equally; and the rest of their Estate to be Equally Divided among their brothers and sisters; and that if Either of his Daughters should Die before marriage, their proportion of the Estate to be Equally divided among their Surviving Sisters and brothers.

a Copy of which said Will is hereunto annexed, and which yr.orator prays may be refered to and Taken as part of this his bill of Complaint.

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that yr orator begs leave to shew What he Conceives, that has his mother, who the above four Negroes, Nell, moses, Jack and Bowser, was lent to for live; is now Dead, and that his brother, Saml and Sisters, Tabitha and Betsey have all Departed this life, so long a go as the year 1781 or 1782, and that yr orator being their Elder brother and heir at law at that Time, that he is well Intitled to four shares or parts of the said four Negroes and of their Increase (if any there be). — and that yr orator also Conceives and believes, that he is also well Intitled to the shares or parts of negroes that his brother Saml was Intitled to under the residuary Claus of the said Testators will, that descended to his Two sisters, Tabitha and Betsey on the said Saml. Death.

That yr orator hath frequently since he Came to the age of Twenty one years old, applyed, to his Surviving brothers, Danl and Thomas Beasley, and to his Survivng Sister's, Susanah and obediance Beasley, and requested of them to Come to a Division of the above four Negroes and their Increase (if any, and also to a Division of the remainder or Residue of the said Testators Estate agreeable to the will of his yr. orators s$^{d.}$ father, and according to his yr orators right and Interest in the said Estate, as Eldest brother and heir at law to the said Dec$^{d.}$ Saml, Tabitha and Betsey Beasley his sisters and brother, which in reason and Justice they ought to do. ___ and that yr orator have also applyed to the said Matthew Cheatham Esq$^{r.}$ who has Transacted the greatest part of the business for and on behalf the said Testators Estate as Exr and requested of him to Give up such part of the said Testators Estate as is in his hands, to be divided between yr orator and his surviving

brothers and sisters agreeable to their and yr orators respective rights and Interests in the same, and for him the said Matthew Cheatham Esq$^{r\cdot}$ and the other Exors to make up their accounts of their Executorship's of the said Testator Estate, and pay unto yr orator his part or share thereof to which he is Intitled, as a legatee of his said father and as Eldest brother and heir at law to his dec$^{d\cdot}$ brother Saml Beasley, and to his dec$^{d\cdot}$ Sisters, Tabitha and Betsey Beasleys. That the said, Danl. Beasley, Thomas Beasley, Susanah Beasley, and obediance Beasley, and the said Exors.of the said Benja. Beasley Dec$^{d\cdot}$ all who yr orator prays may be made and Considered as Defendants hereto may answer the premises and that they may say if the said Testator did not make and publish his last will and Testament bearing Date on or about the Time herein set forth, and Departed this

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this [*sic*] life without altering or Revoking the same; ~ is not the said Testator's wife now, Dead, ~ is not the said, Saml, Tabitha, and Betsey, [*strikethrough*] also now dead, and without Ever being married, ~ is not yr. orator Peter Beasley, the Eldest brother and heir at law of the said, Dec$^{d\cdot}$ Saml, Tabitha and Betsey Beasley and is he not now Twenty one years old and upwards. ——— and did not the s$^{d\cdot}$ Testator make such gifts and Div[*illegible*] bequeaths in his said Will and [*illegible*]

Setforth. ——— and that the said Matthew Cheatham Esq Exors as fores$^{d\cdot}$ may say if they or some of them hath not proved the said Testators will in this Court, and Taken on themselves the burden and Execution thereof, that they may answer the premises, and that proper persons be appointed by this Court, to Divide the said four negroes, Nell, moses, Jack and Bowser and their Increase if any, and also the remainder of the said Testsators Estate Between yr orator and his brothers Danl and Thomas and his sisters Susanah and Obediance, Beasleys', agreeable to the said Testators will and agreeable to yr. orators, and his said brothers and sisters respective rights and Interests of in and to the same; ——— and ~~that yr~~ for the said Exors to makeup and Settle their accounts, before. ——— and that yr orator may by a Decree, Decrees, and orders of this Court have all farther and other relief in the premise's as may be agreeable to Equity and good Conscience and the Nature of this his Case may require. May

and that yr worships will please grant unto yr orator a writ or writs of Spã ~ Directed to the said Danl, Thomas Susanah and obediance Beasley, and to the said Testators Executors, thereby Commanding to appear.

and yr orator will pray.

Jesse Cogbill for Compl

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The Answer of Susanah and Obed^ce^ Beasley, to the bill of Peter Beasley

To the worshipful Court of Chesterfd County in Chancery Setting. The Joint answer of Susanah and obediance Beasley, Daughters and legatees of their father Benja Beasley late of this County and To the bill of Complaint Exhibited agt [*against*] them and others in this Court by their brother Peter Beasley complainant. These Defts [*defendants*] now and at all Times hereafter saving and reserving to themselves and to Each of them, all manner of benefit of Exceptions to the said Complainants bill or any thing therein Contained. For answer thereto, or so far as these defts thinks are advised necessary for them to make answer to. They answer, and Saith, That True it is their father Benja Beasley Dec^d.^ in the Complainants bill mentioned; did make and publish his last will and Testament, bearing Date on or about the Time in the Complainants bill Setforth, and departed this life soon after without altering or Revoking the same. These Defts admits, that their mother obediance ~~of~~ wife of the said Testator is now Dead; and also that their brother Saml Beasley and their Two sisters, Tabitha and Betsey Beasley, all three Departed this life soon after the Death of their father; and without Ever being married. They admit, that the said Complainant Peter Beasley is their Eldest brother and heir at law to their dec^d.^ brother Saml Beasley and to their Dec^d.^ Sisters Tabitha and Betsey Beasleys; and that these Defts has reason to believe he is now Twenty one years old.

These Defts farther admit that their father did make Such gifts Devises and bequeaths in and by his said will as is Setforth in the said Complainants Bill.

But that these Defts believes that the said Compl Peter Beasley is not Intitled to any greater, part or share of the four negroes lent by the Testator to his wife for life; and of the remainder part of the said Testators other Estate than these Defts are Each Intitled to, for they Conceive from the will of the Testator, That is was meant; as well as Expressed by him for his negroes and personal Estate to be Equally Divided Between his surviving children, (as well Daughters as sons) in Case Either of his Sons Died under age or that

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that [*sic*] Either of his Daughters Departed this life unmarried which said will of the Testator or a Copy thereof these Defts prays may be refered to and taken as part of this their answer by this worshipful Court; wherein these Defendants Interest and Title of in and to the said Testators negroes and personal Estate will more fully appear.

These Defts, Denies that they are unwilling to Come to an Equal Division of their fathers negroes and personal Estate with the Complainant and their other Two brothers, Danl and Thomas Beasley, But on the Contrary they are willing the same be done when this Court will please to order and Direct, and that they these Defts are willing that proper persons be appointed to make such Divisions. these Defts Denies all fraud.

Susanah Beasley

Obediance Beasley

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Danl and Thomas Beasley ads Peter Beasley

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June *Do*
July *Do*

To the worshipful Justices of Chesterfd County Setting in Chancery

The answer of Danl & Thomas Beasley, sons and legatees of Benja Beasley Dec^{d} by Henry Winfield their Spl Guardian appointed to defend them, to the bill of Complaint Exhibited agt them and others in this Court by their brother Peter Beasley, Complainant.

These Defendants now and at all Times hereafter, saving and reserving to themselves, and to Each of them all manner of benefits of Exceptions to the

said Complainants bill or any thing therein Contained; for answer thereto, or so far as these Defendants are advised is Necessary or material for them or Either of them to answer. They answereth and Saith, That True it is their father Benja Beasley Dec$^{d.}$ in the Complainants bill mentioned; did make and publish his last will and Testament bearing Date on or about the Time in the Complainants bill Setforth, and Departed this life soon after without altering or Revoking the same. ———

These Defendants admits, their mother obediance ~~of~~ wife of the said Testator is now Dead, and also that their brother Sam$^{l.}$ Beasley and their Two Sisters; Tabitha and Betsey Beasley, all three Departed this life soon after the Death of their father and without Ever being married. They admit that the Complainant Peter Beasley is their Eldest brother and heir at law to thier Dec$^{d.}$ brother Saml Beasley and to their Dec$^{d.}$ sisters, Tabitha and Betsey Beasley; and that they have reason to believe he is now Twenty one years old. These Defts. farther admits, that their father, did make Such gifts, Divises and bequeaths in and by his said will as Setforth in the said Complainants Bill.

But these Defendants believes that the said Complainant Peter Beasley is not Intitled to any greater Share or part of the four negroes lent by the Testator to his wife for life and of the remainder part of the said Testators other Estate than these Defts are Each Intitled to; and which will these Defts prays may be refered to and Taken as apart of this answer, and as for the Division of the same; these Defts, does not deny Coming to; with the Complainant and their Surviving Sisters Equally, which these Defts believes was the will, meaning and Intent of the Testator; for the said four negroes lent, by the Testator to his wife for life, and [*strikethrough*] the remainder of his Estate to be Equally divided Between all his Surviving children (in case the sons died under age and the Daughters died unmarried) But as these Defts are under lawfull (age)

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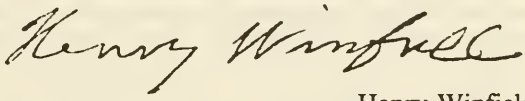
age. they rely on the pertection of this Court, respecting themselves as well as their Interest of in and to the said Testators Estate; so far as respects these Defts, rights and Titles of in and to same; or any part thereof. ———

and Denies all fraud.



Henry Winfield
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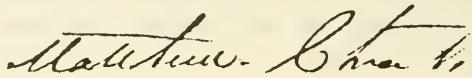
To the worshipful Court of Chesterfield County in Chancery Sitting. The answer of Matthew Cheatham Esq one of the acting Executors of Benja Beasley late of this County Dec$^{d.}$ To the bill of Complaint Exhibited in this Court agt him by Peter Beasley, one of the sons, and legatees of the said Benja Beasley Dec$^{d.}$ Complainant; This Deft now and at all Times hereafter, saving and reserving to himself all manner of benefit of Exceptions, to the said Complainant bill or any thing there in Contained; for answer thereto; this Deft answereth and Saith. That True it is; the said Testator Benja Beasley in the Complainants Bill mentioned Did make and publish his last will and Testament bearing Date on or about the Time in the Complainants Bill mentioned; and Departed this life soon after; also this Deft admits, that the said Testator Did in and by his will appoint this Deft and some others Executor therein as thereto; and that the said will is now of record in this Court and that this Deft hath qualified under the same as an Executor thereto and Taken on himself the burden and Execution thereof as an Ex^{r} and that he hath pro[*illegible*] in the business as he ought to have done.

This Deft admits the Complainant is now Twenty one years old, and which is the Time the Testator Directed for his Negroes and personal Estate to be Divided, and that this Deft is willing and Desirous the same to Come whenerver this worshipful Court will please to order and Direct; and that he is willing to settle his account as an Executor of the said Testator at any Time and before Such Gent. as the Court will please to appoint for that purpose; This Deft denies fraud and prays herein to be dismiss$^{d.}$



Matthew Cheatham Esq

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Ghost Town Gets Guardian Angel

By Henry Christner, Times Dispatch Staff Writer

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On many road maps, the Palmers Store intersection at U.S. 522 and state Route 711 in Powhatan is known as Jefferson. But it's not the *real* Jefferson. The real Jefferson, a busy port town in the early 1800s, stood three miles to the north of this location.

For reasons that aren't completely clear, the 32-lot town that would have celebrated its bicentennial this year died out in the latter part of the 19th century. Tall grass now grows along Main Street. A brick tavern stands in ruins amid a stand of yellow poplars, elms and hackberry. The stores, shops and warehouses are gone.

Jefferson, also known as Jefferson Landing, has ceased to exist. But that doesn't mean it has been abandoned. Two years ago, the property was accepted into the Virginia Forest Stewardship Program. Administered by the state Department of Forestry, the program is based on the idea that 11 million acres of private woodlands in Virginia can be managed and protected with the total forest environment in mind.

The stewardship program helps qualifying landowners with 20 acres or more to develop a long-range plan for their forest properties with technical assistance from state agencies and, in some cases, federal cost-sharing grants. The recommendations in the plan are based on the landowner's priorities, which can include protection of wildlife, endangered species, habitat, soil and water, archaeological sites, scenic beauty, and historical resources.

In the case of Jefferson, several of these came into play.

One 63 acre tract of the 333-acre parcel owned by Richard LeHew required special attention because it was the site of the town proper. Jacqueline Hernigle, an archaeologist with the state's Department of Historic Resources, visited the property, studied county tax records, and concluded

that the site should be prepared for nomination to state and national historic registers. She said vegetation should be cleared away, surface areas should be protected, and an archaeological survey should be conducted. She also recommended further research on the town's history.

One question to be answered is whether the town was named in honor of Thomas Jefferson or perhaps his father, Peter, who bought and sold James River property. Another is the makeup of the population, which over the years included merchants, slaves, emancipated slaves and members of the prominent Michaux family.

New research also could answer the biggest question of all: What happened to this once-bustling port town? Why did Flat Rock and Powhatan Courthouse survive and Jefferson fail?

Paul B. Mitchell, a local amateur historian, said the decline came swiftly. In 1835, Jefferson had two stores, a tailor shop, two shoemakers, a saddler and harness-maker, three taverns and numerous warehouses that housed goods awaiting shipment. In that one year, 40,000 bushels of wheat and 250 hogsheads of tobacco were shipped out on the James.

But 20 years after the Civil War, Jefferson was on its way to becoming a ghost town. "Although the rapid demise of Jefferson is somewhat mysterious," said Mitchell, "the main reasons were the deplorable economic conditions characteristic of the South during Reconstruction, and the advent of railroads."

Today, two centuries after the town was established by the General Assembly in 1794, Jefferson and the forests around it are finding a new identity — and a new place in Virginia history.

The Jefferson tract and another owned by LeHew are among 25 forest properties that have qualified for the stewardship program in Powhatan. Statewide, 1100 owners of 175,000 acres of private forest land are enrolled. For information on Powhatan's program, call Paul Geyer at (804) 598-4728.

For information on how to qualify for the program in other counties, call the Department of Forestry headquarters in Charlottesville at (804) 977-6555; the stewardship program coordinator is David Coffman. Information also can be obtained from regional and county foresters.

More information on Jefferson is available in *Powhatan: A Bicentennial History* by Richard Couture.

Cumberland Chancery Suit — Mar & Aug 1841
Abram Venable and Eliza Taylor
A. B. Woodson and 1794 Sally Taylor
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To the Honble William David Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Cumberland

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honour

your Orator and Oratrixes Samuel Spencer and Judith his wife lately Judith Holcombe, Wm Bain and Eliza his wife, George Woodson, [*ellegible strikethrough*] Ed. M. Woodson, Blake B. Woodson, William C. Woodson, Edwin Moore & Sally his wife, Martha Ophelia Woodson (which said Eliza, George, Edwd. M., Blake B., William C., Sally & Martha Ophelia, are children of Sally Woodson formerly Taylor), now dec^d^ ~~& daughter of Joseph Taylor dec^d^~~) James Cunningham and Sally his wife, ~~formerly Taylor,~~ William E. Venable, Archibald Venable, and James Venable, which said Sally, William, Archibald, and James are children of Eliza and Abraham Venable both now dec^d^, and Patsy Booker, (which said Judith Spencer, Sally Woodson, Eliza Venable and Patsy Booker are daughters of Joseph Taylor dec^d^)

That they together with Edward Booker & Archibald Woodson exhibitith their original bill before your Honour in the court aforesaid on the 5 day of April 1832 charging among other things that Joseph Taylor formerly of the said County of Cumberland had then recently departed this life intestate, leaving an estate real & personal to which they together with Archibald Taylor & Zachariah Taylor sons of the said Joseph here entitled and praying a distribution of the estate of the said Joseph among them according to their respective rights — this sundry proceedings were had in the said cause ~~which will be seen~~ an account of the ~~estate &~~ administration of the said

personal estate rendered by the said Archibald Taylor's representative and a sale of the real estate ordered, made

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and a report thereof made to the cour[t?]s — that since the proceedings aforesaid the said Plaintiff Edward Booker has departed this life leaving your Oratrix Patsy living and entitles to the portion of the estate of the said Joseph, which she & the said Edward claimed in their said original bill. And the said Edward never in any manner having disposed of their said ~~rights~~ portion in his life time — that the said Archibald Taylor departed this life having first duly published his last will and testament, whereby he gave the whole of his estate of every kind to his wife [*blank space*] Taylor — that the said [*blank space*] Taylor afterwards departed this life having made and published a noncupative will, which was admitted to record in the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond by which she gave her personal estate to ~~Eliza H.~~ her sisters Eliza Harrison (wife of Thomas Harrison now dec^{d}.) and Lucy Treat (wife of Dr. Wm. Treat) this the said Thomas Harrison & Eliza his wife and John Treat and Lucy his wife have been regularly made parties defendants to their said original bill — by the said Thomas Harrison has since departed this life, whereby one moity of the interest of the said Archibald Taylor has survived to the said Eliza — and the said Lucy Treat has also since departed this life leaving her husband the said John Treat survivng her, and to whom your Orators and Oratrixes are advised the right to her one moity of the said Archibald's interest in the said personal estate survives and hopes if he think fit to qualify as her adm^{r} and also leaving the following children to wit. John, Edward, Barleigh, Mary, Littia, Lucy, Wm. Z, P. T. Treat entitled as her heirs at law to her one moity of

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of the said Archibald's interest in the said real estate of his said father the said Joseph. They further represent to your honours, that the Plaintiff Archibald B. Woodson and Albert Woodson sons of the said Sally Woodson formerly Sally Taylor have also departed this life leaving wives and children in the states of Georgia and Mississippi whose names are unknown to your Orators and Oratrixes; and also are entitled to the proportions of the said Joseph's Estate to which the said Archibald & Albert would have been entitled if they were now living — They also say that since the [*establishment?*] of their original bill aforesaid ~~the said~~ your Oratrix Judith has intermarried with your Orator Samuel Spencer, but before her said marriage, she conveyed and transferred her interest in the estate of her said

father Joseph Taylor to Helen Mary Fleshman & W H T Fleshman infants under 21 years of age who are now entitled thereto. Now in tender consideration of the promises and to the end that full and perfect justice may be rended to all concerned ~~they have~~ your Orators and Oratrixes humbly pray that the said John Treat, Edward Treat, Barleigh Treat, Mary Treat Littia, Lucy, Wm. Z. & Peter T. Treat children of the said Lucy Treat dec^{d} the said wives and children of the said Archibald R. Woodson and Albert Woodson and the said Helen Mary Fleshman & Wm Z. T. Fleshman be made defendants to this said original and this [*word striken*] supplemental bill and req^{d} to answer the same on oath and that your Honour will make such device in the premises as may be right & proper and as in duty bound.

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Will of Jesse Marian Moore (1763-1842)

Submitted by Mrs. Lillian Ogletree Forster

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In the Name of God, amen, I Jesse Moore of the County of Lunenburg & State of Virginia, being old & weak in body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory do make & publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (*viz*): First it is my desire that all my just debts should be paid. Secondly I desire that my son John R. Moore shall have the tract of land & plantation whereon I now live & it is my desire; & it is my desire (*sic*) that my wife should have the said plantation for her home, during her life or widowhood and also I desire that Jane Moore should have it for her home during her single life if she choose & I desire also that my son John R. Moore, & my daughter Jane Moore should be made equal with those, that have left me and I desire that four hundred and sixteen dollars & sixty eight cents to be put on interest, and my wife to draw the interest annually, fer her support, during her life or widowhood, and the balance of my Estate real & personal to be equally divided between all my children namely, Elizabeth, Elisha, Catharine, Lucy, David, Salley, Samuel, Mary, Joseph, Susannah, Martha, Ann, Jane and John R. Moore, and at my wifes death or marriage, the remaining Four hundred & sixteen Dollars and Sixty eight Cents, to be equally divided as the rest of my Estate. Lastly I do appoint my son Joseph & James Skinner executors of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Jesse Moore (*seal*)

Signed, Sealed, Published and delivered by the above named Jesse Moore to be his last Will & Testament in presence of
Wm B. Moore
John Inge

In Lunenburg County Court 12th September 1842.

The Last Will and Testament of Jesse Moore dec^{d}. was exhibited in Court by Joseph Moore, one of the executors therein named, and was proved by oaths of the witnesses thereto subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of the said Joseph Moore who having made oath according to law, and entered into & acknowledged a bond with approved security, for that purpose, Certificate is granted him for obtaining probat of the said Will in due form.

Teste:
W^{m}. H. Taylor, CLC

Recorded: Will Book 12, page 78

A Copy *Teste*:

W. R. Moore, Clerk
Circuit Court of Lunenburg County
by Grace T. Marshall,
Deputy Clerk

Parson and Local Man of Affairs: George Gurley

Submitted by Otto Lohrenz, professor of history (emeritus), The University of Nebraska at Kearney

In 1752 the governor and Council of Virginia spurned the chance of breaking precedent by refusing to approve the appointment of a clergyman of the established Church of England to the position of justice of the peace. "Every Clergyman has enough to do," they declared, "without engaging himself in civil affairs." This aroused the clergy who, in convention in 1754, prepared and presented a petition to the governor, protesting the implied disrespect and beseeching him to reverse the order. [a] Their remonstrance was successful for in the next two or three decades more than a score of Anglican parsons functioned as justices of their respective counties. [b] A short time later the quarrel with the Mother Country and the War for Independence offered additional opportunities for clerics of the established church to enter the political arena and the freeholders elected at least twenty-eight of them to the county committees of safety. [c] The men of the cloth also filled other local offices and

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[a] Entry for November 2, 1752, Henry R. McIlwaine *et al.*, eds., *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia*, 6 vols. (Richmond, 1925-66), V, 409; entry for November 1, 1754, "A Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention Held at the College of William and Mary, Oct. 30, 1754," in William Stevens Perry, ed., *Historical Collections Relating to the American Colonial Church*, 5 vols. in 4 (Hartford, CT, 1870-78), I, 424. The clergyman whom the Council rejected as justice was John Moncure, the highly respected rector of Overwharton parish in Stafford County; Robert A. Rutland, ed., *The Papers of George Mason, 1725-1792*, 3 vols. (Chapel Hill, NC; 1970), I,1xxx; Horace Edwin Hayden, *Virginia Genealogies*, rpt. ed. (Baltimore, 1966), p. 424.

[b] Henry R. McIlwaine, ed., "Justices of the Peace of Colonial Virginia, 1757-1775," The Library of Virginia, *Bulletin*, 14 (1922), 47, 48, 57, 62, 63, 77, 81, 82, 92, 103, 104, 109, 114, 121; Henry R. McIlwaine *et al.*, eds., *Journals of the Council of the State of Virginia*, 5 vols. (Richmond, 1931-82), I, 46, III, 78, 95, 211, 273, 582, IV, 12, 251, V, 65.

[c] George MacLaren Brydon writes that the voters elected 24 Anglican clergymen to the committees of safety; see Brydon, *Virginia's Mother Church and the Political Conditions Under Which It Grew*, 2 vols. (Richmond, 1947, Philadelphia, 1952), II, 434 n. 16. To that list should be added William Harrison, Thomas Fielde, Thomas Davis, Sr., and Thomas Davis, Jr.; see Otto Lohrenz, "The Right Reverend William Harrison of Revolutionary Virginia, First 'Lord Archbishop of America'," *Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, 53 (1984), 30-32; Otto Lohrenz, "The Reverend Thomas Feilde, Loyalist Acting Rector of St. Andrew's Church: An Identification," *Staten Island Historian*, New Ser., 2 (1984), 17; Otto Lohrenz, "The Reverend Thomas Davis: President

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accepted public assignments associated with the Revolution. Thus Virginia's last generation of Anglican clergymen—the incumbents who witnessed Independence and disestablishment—were widely accepted members of the office holding class. One of these divines who qualified as a local man of affairs was George Gurley, rector of St. Luke's parish, who acted as justice, sheriff, and Revolutionary committeeman of Southampton County. The purpose of this essay is the review and analysis of the career of Gurley as a servant of his church and state.

Parson George Gurley was a descendant of an old American family with roots in both North Carolina and Virginia. He was the eldest son of George Gurley, a planter of some note in Southampton County, Virginia, whose death in late 1770 merited a few lines in the Williamsburg gazette. In his will the elder Gurley mentioned his wife, who presumably was the mother of our subject, but did not name her; no further identification of her has been made. The father bequeathed his plantation and lands, of unspecified acreage, to his son and namesake. Included in his real estate holdings were 150 acres which he had patented in 1733. [d]

Young Gurley's interest in the ministry came to light soon after the formation of St. Luke's. Nottoway parish, which had been coterminous with Southampton County, was subdivided in 1762, the part west of Nottoway River becoming St. Luke's parish. [e] The next year the churchwardens and vestry of St. Luke's recommended Gurley for holy orders to William Robinson, Virginia's commissary, writing that Gurley's "Honesty and Integrity we have sufficiently experienced as he was born and hath constantly resided among us." Other inhabitants of the parish also certified in writing that Gurley was well known to them and that they had a "good opinion of his Moral and Religious Character and his general Behaviour." Both letters proposed that Gurley become parson of St. Luke's upon ordination. William Willie, rector of neighboring Albemarle

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[c] (...continued)
of the Sons of Liberty, Norfolk, Virginia, 1766," *Valley Forge Journal*, 6 (1992), 66-69. Four Presbyterian ministers were members of county committees; see Brydon, *Virginia's Mother Church*, II, 434 n. 16.

[d] John Miller Bradley, *Notes on William Gurley, One of the First Settlers of Johnston County, NC., and Some of His Descendants* (Birmingham, AL: 1946), pp. 1-3, 17, photocopy, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Purdie and Dixon's *Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg), January 10, 1771; Will of George Gurley, Sr., Southampton County Will Book, No. 1, with Inventories & Accounts (1762-1772), pp. 362-63, reel 16, Records and Archives Division, The Library of Virginia, Richmond (cited as LVA hereafter).

[e] William W. Hening, ed., *The Statutes at Large: Being a Collection of All Laws of Virginia, from the First Session of the Legislature, in the Year 1619*, 13 vols. (New York, 1819-23), 618-20, VIII, 177; Thomas C. Parramore, *Southampton County, Virginia* (Charlottesville, VA, 1978), p. 31.

parish in Sussex County informed Robinson that he was acquainted with Gurley and most of his supporters and believed the applicant "to be such as the ... subscribing Gentlemen say he is." From an examination Robinson found that Gurley had "a competent share of Learning," whereupon he forworded a recommendation on his behalf to the bishop of London. [f] From which institution, or in what manner, Gurley obtained his education is not known. Francis Fauquier, lieutenant governor and chief executive of Virginia, was impressed with Gurley's credentials and assured the bishop that he would present him as rector to St. Luke's upon his return with orders. [g]

The warm support the elite of the county gave to his clerical and parochial candidacy indicates that he was an established member of their social class. His subsequent public career confirms the judgment that the Gurleys belonged to the gentry families who dominated political affairs in Southampton. Gurley's case contradicts the argument of Rhys Isaac who believed the rectors of Virginia were drawn from inferior social levels and continued to occupy a low social status as parsons, and supports the conclusion of Arthur P. Middleton who thought that "the parsons ... habitually move(d) in the social circles of the upper class." [h]

Since there was no bishop in America an ordinand had to undertake the voyage to London to obtain the blessing of the bishop of London, the nominal diocesan of the colonial Anglican Churches. The passage could be unpleasant and dangerous and the possibility of illness and disease, especially smallpox, on board ship and in England was real. On August 11, 1749 Gurley had wed Mary Willis, who has not been identified, and by 1762 he was the father of six children. To reach London, accomplish the purpose, and return to Virginia generally took about a year. [i] For Gurley to leave his family that length of time, to accept the inherent dangers of the journey, and to interrupt his

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[f] Churchwardens and vestry of St. Luke's to Commissary William Robinson, November 12, 1763, The Fulham Papers in the Lambeth Palace Library, London, 40 vols. (University Microfilms, Ltd., 1963), XXIV, 190; ten inhabitants of St. Luke's to Robinson, January 12, 1764, *ibid.*, 193; Willie to Robinson, February 3, 1764, *ibid.*, 194; Robinson to the bishop, February 5, 1764, *ibid.*, 194.

[g] Fauquier to the bishop, February 7, 1764, in George Reese, ed., *The Official Papers of Francis Fauquier, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, 1758-1768*, 3 vols. (Charlottesville, VA, 1980-83), III, 1075-76; the letter is also found in Fulham Papers, XXIV, 196-97.

[h] Isaac, "Religion and Authority: Problems of the Anglican Establishment in Virginia in the Era of the Great Awakening and the Parsons' Cause," *William and Mary Quarterly* (cited as *WMQ* hereafter), 3d Ser., 30 (1976, 7, 21; Middleton, "The Colonial Virginia Parson," *ibid.*, 3d Ser., 27 (1969), 425-29.

[i] Bradley, *Notes on William Gurley*, p. 17; Joan R. Gundersen, *The Anglican Ministry in Virginia, 1723-1776: A Study of a Social Class* (New York, 1989), pp. 46-47.

economic activities would suggest that he had a sincere and genuine interest in serving the Church of England as minister.

Apparently Gurley had no problems in crossing the ocean or in achieving his mission in London, where the bishop ordained him deacon on September 23, 1764 and priest a week later. On the latter date the bishop also licensed him to officiate in Virginia. On October 4 Gurley received the King's Bounty, x20 sterling to help defray transportation costs. Ordination meant Gurley had established his character and orthodoxy to the satisfaction of the bishop, and had also demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the Bible, the Prayer Book, the Creeds, the Thirty-nine Articles, scriptural and church history, and Greek and Latin. After his induction into the priesthood, Gurley also took the required oaths of allegiance and canonical obedience to the king and to the Church of England. [j]

In late 1764 or early 1765 Gurley returned to Virginia and began his ministry, of nearly thirty years, in St. Luke's parish. His chief duty was to conduct Sunday services according to schedule in St. Luke's three worship centers: Angelica Chapel, Vick's Old Church, and O'Berry's Church. The first Angelica Chapel dated back to 1734, but apparently a new edifice replaced it soon after 1768 when the churchwardens advertised for bids from contractors for "the building of three wooden churches" in the parish. The other two churches originated from this initiative. All three structures have long since disappeared. [k] It was also Gurley's duty to catechize the children, to administer the eucharist to the communicants three times a year, and to record all births, marriages, and deaths in the parish register. He also officiated at baptisms, marriages, and funerals for which he received perquisites. Virginia law provided that the minister annually receive 16,000 pounds of tobacco, plus the percentages for cask and shrinkage, and that he have the use of a glebe of at least two hundred acres with a suitable residence and appropriate outbuildings for agricultural production. [l]

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[j] Edward Lewis Goodwin, *The Colonial Church in Virginia; with Biographical and Other Historical Papers, Together with Brief Biographical Sketches of the Colonial Clergy in Virginia* (Milwaukee, 1927), p. 275; James B. Bell, "Anglican Clergy in Colonial America Ordained by Bishops of London," American Antiquarian Society, *Proceedings*, 83 (1973), 104, 129.

[k] Purdie and Dixon's *Virginia Gazette*, November 3, 1768; George Carrington Mason, "The Colonial Churches of Isle of Wight and Southampton counties, Virginia," *WMQ*, 2d Ser., 23 (1943), 41, 59-63; Parramore, *Southampton County*, pp. 31-32.

[l] Hening, ed., *Statutes at Large*, III, 151-53, IV, 204-08, VI, 88-90.

Very little of Gurley as a minister in Virginia is known. The St. Luke's vestry book and parish register, which might have provided helpful information about his incumbency, have been lost or destroyed. No sermon, text, or reference to his preaching have survived, but the absence of recorded complaints and his long tenure permit the conclusion that his performance in and out of the pulpit was most acceptable. Gurley did not take part in the clerical relief fund for widows and orphans of clergymen, a subscription organization which functioned very successfully until the end of the Revolution. According to the gazettes many of the clerics, especially the younger ones, preached sermons at the annual convocations, and many served as trustees of the fund, but Gurley is not known to have participated. [m] Nor did Gurley involve himself in the controversy that gripped many of his professional colleagues in the 1770s when some of them attempted to petition the king for an American bishop. [n]

Gurley revealed interest and concern for the future of his church. When the Anglican Church in Virginia was disestablished in the mid-1780s the clerical and lay leaders met in convention in Richmond to organize the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia and to supervise its early development. Gurley was one of the thirty-six clergymen to attend the initial meeting in 1785. [o] Another indication of Gurley's regard for his profession and church was his apparent encouragement of his son, Joseph Gurley, to enter the ministry. Joseph Gurley obtained holy orders from Bishop William White of Pennsylvania in 1788 and officiated first as curate to his father. In 1793 the father resigned as rector and the son succeeded him. Later he served Episcopal churches in North Carolina. [p] The acceptance of Joseph Gurley by the parishioners of St. Luke's seems to be a commendation for both father and son.

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[m] Perry, ed., *Historical Collections*, I, 414-28; Lester J. Cappon and Stella F. Duff, comps., *Virginia Gazette Index, 1736-1789*, 2 vols. (Williamsburg, VA, 1950).

[n] Arthur L. Cross, *The Anglican Episcopate and the American Colonies* (New York, 1902), pp. 226-50; Frederick V. Mills, Sr., *Bishops by Ballot: An Eighteenth-Century Ecclesiastical Revolution* (New York, 1978), pp. 85-129.

[o] "Journals of the Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Virginia, 1785-1790," Francis L. Hawks, *Contributions to the Ecclesiastical History of the United States of America*, 2 vols. (New York, 1836-39), I, 3-4, 12, 18, 26, 29. On the disestablishment of the church, see Thomas E. Buckley, *Church and State in Revolutionary Virginia, 1777-1787* (Charlottesville, VA, 1977).

[p] G. MacLaren Brydon, "A List of Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church Ordained after the American Revolution Who Served in Virginia Between 1785 and 1814, and a List of Virginia Parishes and their Rectors for the Same Period," *WMQ*, 2d Ser., 19 (1939), 405; Parramore, *Southampton County*, p. 47.

Another indication of Gurley's commitment to his calling and church occurred in the early years of the Revolution when the new Virginia state legislature first suspended and then terminated clerical stipends from public sources as of December 31, 1776. [q] Thereafter salaries had to be raised by subscription from parishioners unaccustomed to voluntary contributions, often leaving the minister with little more than the perquisites and the benefits he could derive from the glebe house and farm. One prominent clergyman considered leaving the ministry for the practice of law, because "Divinity ... will starve a Man in these times." Another well-known minister wrote that "the Revolution ... has been fatal to the Clergy of Virginia. From a fixed salary they are reduced to depend on a precarious subscription for bread." [r] Fortunately Gurley was economically established and could tolerate the loss of 16,000 pounds of tobacco per annum. No doubt some donations were forthcoming, yet it can hardly be said that he carried on his ministerial duties because of material inducements. That he persisted as rector of St. Luke's underscores his loyalty and dedication to the Anglican and Episcopal Churches of Virginia.

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[q] Hening, ed., *Statutes at Large*, IX, 164, 287-88, 312, 469, 587-89, X, 197-98.

[r] Rev. James Madison to James Madison, January 18, 1781, William T. Hutchinson *et al.*, eds., *The Papers of James Madison*, 17 vols. to date (Chicago, 1962), II, 294; Madison was rector of James City parish, president of the College of William and Mary, and later the first bishop of the Virginia diocese. Alexander Balmain to John Balmain, May 8, 1783, cited in Buckley, *Church and State*, p. 83; Balmain was a military chaplain during the Revolution and then rector of Frederick parish.

Some Cemeteries of Buckingham County

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

The Evans Graveyard

Subject: The Evans Graveyard

Location: 1.3 miles east of Curdsville, Virginia on Route #633; thence south .6 mile on private road; thence east .5 mile through field.

Off the old Dobson Bridge road; east of Curdsville, Virginia close to Willis Creek, is a very large old graveyard, which from all indications was once the property of wealth. A high broad rock wall enclose the graveyard but this has fallen in several places. There are five vaults with large marble slab tops, and eight upright tombstones, also a number of unmarked graves. This graveyard was once a part of the old Colonel William Evans estate known as "Merioneth." "Merioneth" was said to be a duplicate of his ancestral home in Ireland. William Evans was under the command of Washington during the Revolution, and was later a Colonel in the Virginia Militia. Colonel William Evans was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The old place seems to be gone and almost forgotten, no one in the community seems to know who owns the graveyard or the surrounding land. There was a dispute about the property, which has never been settled.

Following are the names and the inscriptions on the vaults:

SACRED
To the Memory of
Edith Irene Hendrick
Born May 7, 1781 Died March
11, 1840

In Memory of
Harriet H. Grigg
Who died April 3, 1837 In the 36
year of her age

In Memory of Peter S. Grigg
Who was born June 23, 1823
And departed this life
November 25, 1855

SACRED
To The Memory of
Eliza T. Baker
Who departed this life Sept. 9,
1830
In the 24 year of her age

In Memory of
John Gannaway
Born October 1, 1778
Died Sept. 9, 1835
In the 57 year of his age

Following are the names and the inscriptions on the tombstones

In Memory of Martha Evans
Who died the 6th of March 1810.
In the 45 year of her age

In Memory of
Capt. L. Brown,
Died Nov. 8, 1850
Erected by his widow

Thomas H. Evans
Born 10th Octr. 1825
Departed this life
7th Octr. 1829

In Memory of
Martha H. Gannaway
Who was born 9th of March 1820
And died the 5th of March 1825
In the 5th year of her age

In Memory of
Catherine Gannaway
Who was born
the 12th of October 1797
And died
the 29th of January 1827
In the 30th year of her age

In Memory of
Elijah H. Hendrick
Born the 4th of August 1779
And died the 9th of August 1820
In the 41st year of his age

In Memory of
Mary J. Glover
Born Aug. 15, 1795
Died June 25, 1839

In Memory of
Mrs. Mary Evans
Born Feb. 2, 1765
Died Aug. 28, 1840

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The Mitchell Cemetery

Subject: The Mitchell Cemetery.

Location: ¼ mile east of Penlan, Virginia on Route 4671; thence .5 mile south (right) on private road leading to cemetery.

Date: 1867, date of oldest grave.

Owners: Cemetery reserved by Mitchell's and their ancestors.

Description: There are only two graves in this cemetery with markers. One marker for both graves. The cemetery is over-run with vines, and undergrowth of all kinds. No one looks after same. It is enclosed by a small iron fence.

Historical Significance:

Martha A. Mitchell	John Mitchell
Born 1806	Born 1807
Died 1896	Died 1867

Source of Information:

Informant: Mrs. M. E. Jones, Penlan, Virginia

Tombstone Inscriptions

Visit by worker

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"Rural Felicity"
Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Bettie B. Powell, McKenney, Virginia [October 21, 1937]

Subject: "Rural Felicity"

Location: 3 miles west of Hebron, Virginia on Route #460, thence 1.6 miles north on Route #625, thence 1.1 mile east on private road.

Date: About 1772

Owners:

Willard Anderson Reames 1772
William Wilson Reames 1836
Andrew Wilson Reames 1856
Willard Anderson Reames to E. W. and W. D. Allen, the present owners, 1936

Description:

This house is situated to the rear of many large trees and a hedge of boxwood on either side of the walk. This two story frame "L" residence has a gable roof, beaded weatherboarding and three Flemish Bond brick chimneys. There is one Colonial two story porch and veranda leading from the two story porch to the second porch which is one story. A railing three feet high encloses both porches and the veranda, short square post topped with balls are to the veranda railing.

The front entrance is through the two story porch into a double four panel door with transom and side lights of seven by sixteen inch panes. In the large hall is a three flight stairway to the second floor. There are seven large rooms, one on each side and to the back of the hall. A closed one flight stairway is in the back room, it also has two windows which are three feet from the floor. This is the earliest built section. The second and third sections each have two windows of varying size panes.

On the entire first floor there is wainscoting, heavy six panel painted doors, common iron hinges, large outside locks and plain mantels.

It was built of the best material, hand hewn, shop nails and is in good condition [1937]. The original house is not spoiled by the addition of a back porch and wing room.

Historical Significance:

"Rural Felicity" is built in three sections. The back, which is the first section, was built in 1772, by Willard Anderson Reames, the second by William Wilson Reames, his son, and the third by Andrew Wilson Reames, a grandson. It was inherited and is now owned by his nephews Edward Wilson and William D. Allen. It has never been out of the Reames family.

Tradition is, that it was a part of the land which was a grant to Robert Bolling. Willard Anderson Reames built a house for Mr. Bolling, and in return for his labor he received the land where he settled and built "Rural Felicity."

There are two graveyards on the place. The one to the back of the house is not over thirty years old and there are no tombstones. The graveyard of the first generation is east of the house in a field, it has been abandonedd and the plot is now cultivated. In this field is said to be interred the following:

Willard Anderson Reames
Sarah Anna Reames
Andrew Wilson Reames
Anna Minerva Fowlks
Louise Anna Reames
Betsy Reames
twenty grandchildren

Sources of Information:

Informants: Mrs. W. A. Reames and E. W. Allen, Hebron, Virginia.

Court Records, Dinwiddie County, Virginia.

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Old Walker Home
Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by E. Lewis Paulette, Pamplin, Virginia, August 2, 1937

Subject: Site of Old Walker Home

Location: Go 5 miles northeast of Pamplin, Virginia, on Route #600, thence .6 miles west (left) on Route #627. Site is 100 yards on North (right) side of the road.

Date: 1761

Owners: James Walker 1761
Mrs. James Walker 1778
Dr. James Walker 1820
William Hix circa 1875
William Hix Estate 1900 to present date [*1937*]

Description: (*Given from memory by Miss Maggie Hix, Pamplin, Virginia, R.F.D. #1, one of the present owners of the site*)

True to the custom of the early settlers in building their first homes, logs were used in its construction. This home was a one-and-a-half-story building, and long hand-drawn shingles covered the roof. These shingles were about thirty inches or more in length. A square, eight by eight porch, with hand-hewn, square columns, six in number formed the one-story porch. The front door was four paneled oak, hung with common iron hinges. The windows that were used in the late 1870's may not have been the original; these were six, eight by ten panes to the sash. The walls were never ceiled. In that part built of logs, mud chinked the cracks and a coating of white covered the interior. Two rooms were on the first floor, one of which was used as a parlor and the other as a bed room. Two windows furnished the light for the parlor and only one window for the bedroom. A closed, one-flight stairway, with a door at the foot of the stairway lead to the second floor. This floor was a half-story, was never divided but remained one large room. When company came, and two rooms were needed a curtain was hung about the center, thus dividing the room. One window in each end gave light for this part of the house. These windows were very small, just

one sash, containing four, six by six panes. Later on, another room was added, whether by the original owner or not, is not known. This room was a frame structure. The weatherboarding was wide and one could tell the planks were hand-planed. This room was ceiled with a wide boarded ceiling, with a ten inch base board around the room. The cellar, under the entire log part of the house, must have been used for storage. There were no fireplaces for heating the rooms, which had only dirt floors. To get into the cellar a small door entered from the outside. The floors over the rest of the house were of uneven widths, some planks being eight or ten inches wide. These were not of the tongue and grooved kind. Three mantels, one in each of the first floor rooms, were plain hand-made and high. No carving. The chimney in the log part of the house was part rock and part brick, the brick having been made from the red clay found nearby. Rock was also used in building the foundation. The chimney to the frame part was built entirely of brick.

Historical Significance:

Capt. James Walker was one of the outstanding citizens of his day, playing an important part in both the business and social life in his community. He was consulted by all of the neighbors for aid in their problems. When the Revolutionary War broke out he answered the call to arms, leaving his bride of less than a year. As an officer (the rank of Captain) he led his men into many battles and was killed in the battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. He had always told his brother officers, should he be killed in battle, to write a note to his wife, tie the note, (well wrapped) to the bridle of his horse, then turn his horse loose, headed towards home; it is said to have been done and in about ten days the horse arrived home. His wife, hearing a noise at the back of the house, (it being night), took a lantern to investigate. At the back door she found her husband's horse, also found the note tied to the bridle, telling her of her husband's fate. The Walkers had only one child, a son, who, upon reaching early manhood, studied medicine and, after finishing his course, came back home to practice his profession, winning the love and respect of all who came in contact with him. After the war was over, Capt. Richard Holland, who succeeded Capt. Walker as Captain of the Company, married the widow Walker and made his home in the old Walker home. When the Hix home was burned in 1880, the family moved into this old home [*Walker Home*] until their home was built.

Sources of Information:

Informants: Miss Maggie Hix, Pamplin, Virginia, R.F.D. #1, one of the present owners.

Mr. Wilson Hix, Pamplin, Virginia, R.F.D. #1, one of the present owners.

H. M. Marshall, Pamplin, Virginia, an old resident.

Court Records, Clerk's Office, Prince Edward County, Farmville, Virginia.

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MANN, MARTIN, BENTHALL: Seek parents/wife of Thomas Mann d 1792 Northampton Co, NC. Moved 1761 from Dinwiddie Co. Ch: Theodorick; Sylvia m Etheldred Martin; Susannah m Daniel Benthall. Was Thomas desc of Manns of Henrico later Chesterfield Co? John Mann moved Pr Geo Co, VA to Northampton Co, NC c1756. **Faith G. Flythe, 76 Washington St., Exeter, NH 03833.**

ADAMS, LUCK: Polley Adams m John Luck 1784 Pittsylvania Co, VA. John b 1760 in Halifax Co later Pittsylvania Co, moved 1825 to Iredell Co, NC with four daus, leaving son, James A[dams] Luck, in Pittsylvania Co. John's 1842 will in Iredell Co, NC. Seek Polley Adams' family. **Felix Earle Luck, 8 St. John's Ave., P O Box 506, Mt. Tabor, NJ 07878-0506.**

MAJOR: Seek correspondence with Major family researchers who have puzzled out the James Branch Cabell lineage of the Major family from his book *Majors and Their Marriages*. I find many errors in the book. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

BELSCHES, NOBLE(S): Seek surname of Martha, m James Belsches Surry Co c1755; confirm first name ("Lillias"?) and possible last name — Noble(s); m Alexander Belsches c1775 Sussex/Surry cos. Seek info on George Belsches,

son of Alexander and Lillias, b 1770s-80s Surry Co; and James Belsches d 1821 Gloucester Co. **Shelton T. Belsches, "Invermay," 3315 Deep Bottom Rd., Hopewell, VA 23860.**

JAMES: James E. (Edward?) James age 27 m Caroline Haggie 1859 Palmyra Post Office, Montgomery Co, TN. Another J. E. James age 26 listed 1860 Census Clarksville, Montgomery Co, TN. Both men b VA. What, if any, is connection to Edwin James age 15 in 1850 Census Southampton Co, VA? **Boice Burns, 14019 E. Cypress Forest, Houston, TX 77070.**

Exchange: On following families of Isle of Wight, Pr Geo cos, VA 1700s: **JONES, EPES, LILES, DAVIS, BRASWELL, BARNES, LANIER, WASHINGTON, BRANTLEY, REYNOLDS, ROBINSON, TILLMAN, HOWELL**; families of **BASS, NORWOOD, PHILLIPS, ROSS**; others associated with John Gent/Gant/Gaunt. **Clifford Gant, 55441 Firestone, La Quinta, CA 92253.**

FRANKS: Looking for family in VA of Jacob Franks, b c1730 probably in VA. First found in Cumberland Co, NC early 1770s, then removed to Wake Co, NC. Wife Flora, ch: Peter, John, Anthony, Henry, Joseph, Andrew, Jacob, Mary; possibly others. Lands in Wake Co adjacent to William Brown Sr. **Kay Lee W. Gunn, 4327 Westside Dr., Dallas, TX 75209-6515.**

DAVIS: Seek parents, birth/death dates of William Davis. His will probated 25 Nov 1811 in Halifax, VA. Probably a farmer and father of James Davis who was b 1800, m 28 Oct 1820 in Halifax, VA, d 1859. **Mrs. Terry Rice, 1608 Boone Dr., Richmond, KY 40475.**

SAMUEL: Seek info on Anthony Samuel d 1731 Essex Co. Who were his parents? What was his wife Mary's maiden name? What were the names of the spouses of his ch? **Joseph B. Lambert, 1956 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.**

Exchange: **BURGE/BURDGE/BURGES**. Chambliss, Pace, Bonner, Boisseau, Raines, Pittillo, Taylor, Bland, Parham, Deatherage, New, Simmons, Cox, Penniston, Dance. Thomas Burge, wife Mary, left will 1751 Pr Geo, VA naming nine sons and seven daus. My line, son Woodde, d 1833 Rutherford, NC; Woodde's son, William; William's son, Woody. **Mrs. Dell Loughead, 1901 Union, Unionville, MO 63565.**

HODGES, COUNCIL, BRYAN, WOOTEN, FORBES, SHANNON, SHANNONHOUSE: Seek descs of Hon. Hodges Council Jr, and wife Lucy Hardy. Daus: Lucy m Richard Wooten Jr; Christina m Edward Bryan. What is Hodges connection? Also, John Forbes in 1750s Potasquatank Co, NC to 1760s Pitt Co, NC. Was his wife a Shannon or Shannonhouse? **J.A.L. Miller, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5326.**

SIMMONS: Ann Simmons b c1798, dau of Joshua Simmons of Pr Geo Co, VA; m/1 William Thomas Harrison who d before 1822. She m/2 his cousin, James William Harrison. Who was Ann's mother? Who were the Harrisons? **Irene Marks Rupp, 132 Burroughs Dr., Snyder, NY 14226.**

SHANDS, MASON, OGBURN: Who was Phoebe? She m/1 Joseph Mason (c1719-1749) of Surry Co, VA; four ch: Seth, John, Anna, William Mason. m/2 c1751 John Ogburn, as his second wife. Was she a dau of William and Nazareth (Robbards) Shands? Or who was she? **J.T. Stafford, 9 Channel Landing, Tiburon, CA 94920.**

ANDREWS, WILLS: Seek parents of George O. F. Andrews b c1789, d 1853 Isle of Wight Co, and his wife Martha Wills who was b c1786, d 1865 in Isle of Wight Co. **Edward W. Truslow, 217 W. 22nd St., Huntington, NY 11743.**

BONDURANT, CARTER, FLANNIGAN: Frances Lucinda Bondurant was b 6 Aug 1833 Henry Co. Her parents were John William Bondurant and Esther Flannigan, both said to have been b Henry Co. Seek additional info on the Bondurant and Flannigan families. **Jane S. Fairburn, 314 Palmer Lane, McCormick, SC 29835.**

DARDEN: Seek proof Elisha Darden b c1720 Nansemond or Isle of Wight Co, d NC, was the father of William who d in Greene Co, NC and the son of Stephen Darden. Was Elisha's wife a Riddick? Seek proof this Stephen was m to Elizabeth Carr, dau of Robert Carr. **Martha Mewborn Marble, 1377 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20003.**

BLOW, DARDEN: Seek info on James Grey Blow b 1822 VA (Southampton?), d 1890 Carroll Co, MS, m Sarah? b NC. Who were his parents? Was his mother Frances Darden of Hertford Co, NC who d prior to death of her father, Jethro Darden c 1831? Any help appreciated. **Cheryl Falter, 6847 Sundance Trail, Riverside, CA 92506.**

ROYSTON: George Washington Royston b 9 Oct 1817, m/1 Senia Brannon, m/2 Susan Ann Bishop, according to family Bible records. Date needed for this second marriage, as well as any info about either George or Susan. Any info as regards sibs/parents of either greatly appreciated. **Shirley Wagstaff, P O Box 1559, Bandon, OR 97411.**

GEORGE, WILLIAMS: Stacy George, believed to be the dau of Enoch George of Brunswick Co and Greeneville Co, VA m __(William, James, or David) Williams. Any info would be very much appreciated. **Carolyn Smotherman, P O Box 130, College Grove, TN 37046.**

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